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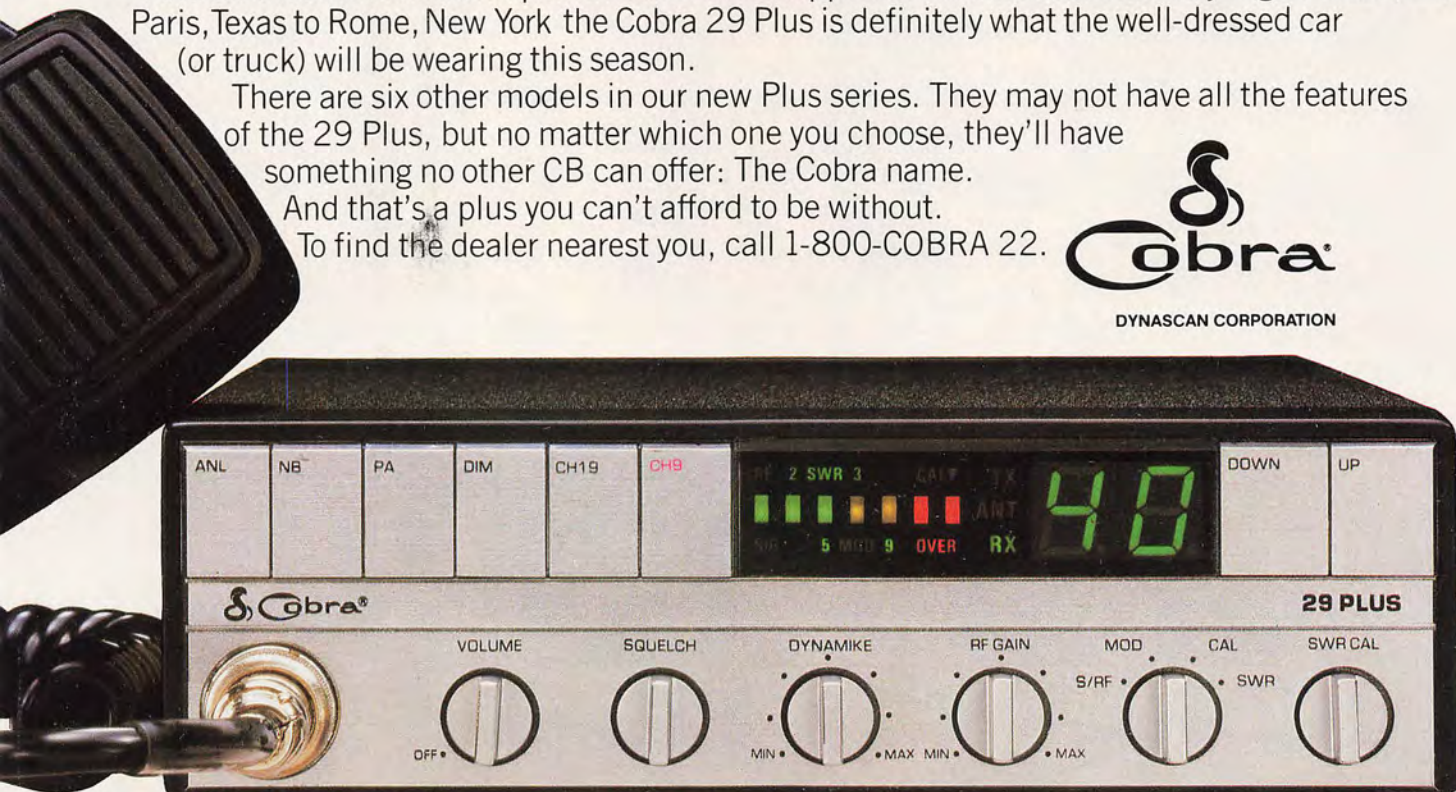
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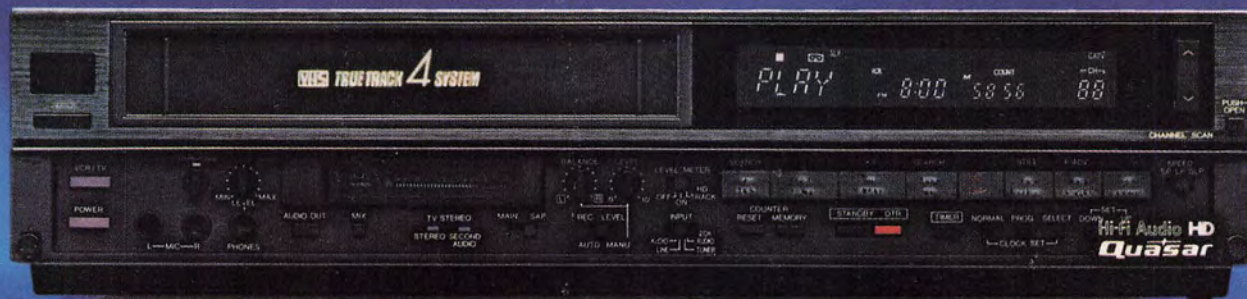
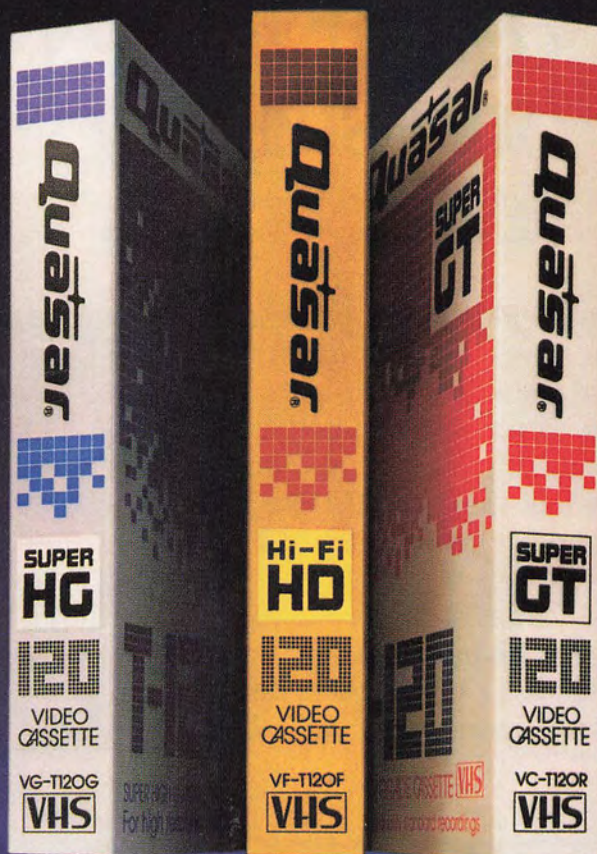
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Letter From the Publisher

With each edition of *Athlon's* Pro Football, it becomes increasingly difficult to live up to the level of excellence established in previous magazines. Nevertheless, in Volume V, the 1986 annual, we hope we have bettered earlier efforts.

Regulars Dave Kindred, Bob Oates Jr., Gordon Forbes, Carlton Stowers, Leonard Shapiro and John Owen, and first-time contributor Skip Bayless offer witty and knowledgeable insights on pro football's top personalities and trends. The photographic staff continues to capture the color and emotion of one of America's most popular sports.

But can 1985 be topped? It was certainly a year to remember. It was the Year of the Bear. *Athlon* Managing Editor Daryl Sanders hit that nail on the head in May of 1985 when he tabbed the Chicago Bears as Super Bowl XX champions. Our resident sage is sticking with the thinking process that was successful last year. "I look for the lean and hungry team," he says. Looking ahead, Sanders projects the New York Giants as Super Bowl victors over the New York Jets in "What About a Subway Super Bowl?"

Forbes captures the essence of possibly the two most valuable football players in New York: quarterbacks Ken O'Brien of the Jets and Phil Simms of the Giants. "O'Brien and Simms: Big Apple's Big Guns" chronicles the development of the men who were scoffed at when drafted

but are now being hailed as heroes.

The biggest, and we mean biggest, star in the NFL, however, is the Bears' lovable William Perry, more commonly known as The Refrigerator, or The Fridge. The rookie from Clemson did more than win fans, film commercials and make fat seem fab.



The Fridge (William Perry) won plaudits from a legion of fans.

He also helped the Bears win their first championship in 22 years. Bayless writes of the man so big "his nickname had a nickname" and much more in "The Year the Bears Stole the Super Bowl."

But it wasn't only the thunderous on-field exploits of Perry that brought him recognition. It was his contagious grin and unassuming manner off the field that

melted even the most cynical hearts. Kindred confesses his was one in "The Fridge: He Warmed Our Hearts."

Perhaps the man most responsible for Perry's development, former Bears defensive coordinator Buddy Ryan, has become a legend in his own right. The first-year

Eagles head coach takes his innovative style and acid tongue to Philadelphia. Oates' "Buddy Ryan: His Spirit of 46 Sparks Defensive Revolution" tells of his imaginative thinking and how a man so harsh can still be so loved by his players.

In a world filled with underachievers, Dallas Cowboy receiver Mike Renfro is the classic overachiever. Stowers' "Tom Landry's Personal MVP" describes the blue-collar receiver's decision to avoid the fast lane that accompanies the lives of many stars. And why not? "I couldn't outrun my mother," Renfro says.

Shapiro also takes a look at the USFL's decision to move its schedule to the fall, giving the NFL its first head-to-head competition in years.

Regular features include Owen's piece on the draft with a list of every player chosen and a football crossword puzzle.

Of course, for truly figure-minded readers, there's the annual look at the women on the sidelines who put beauty into football.

It's all here. Hope you enjoy it.

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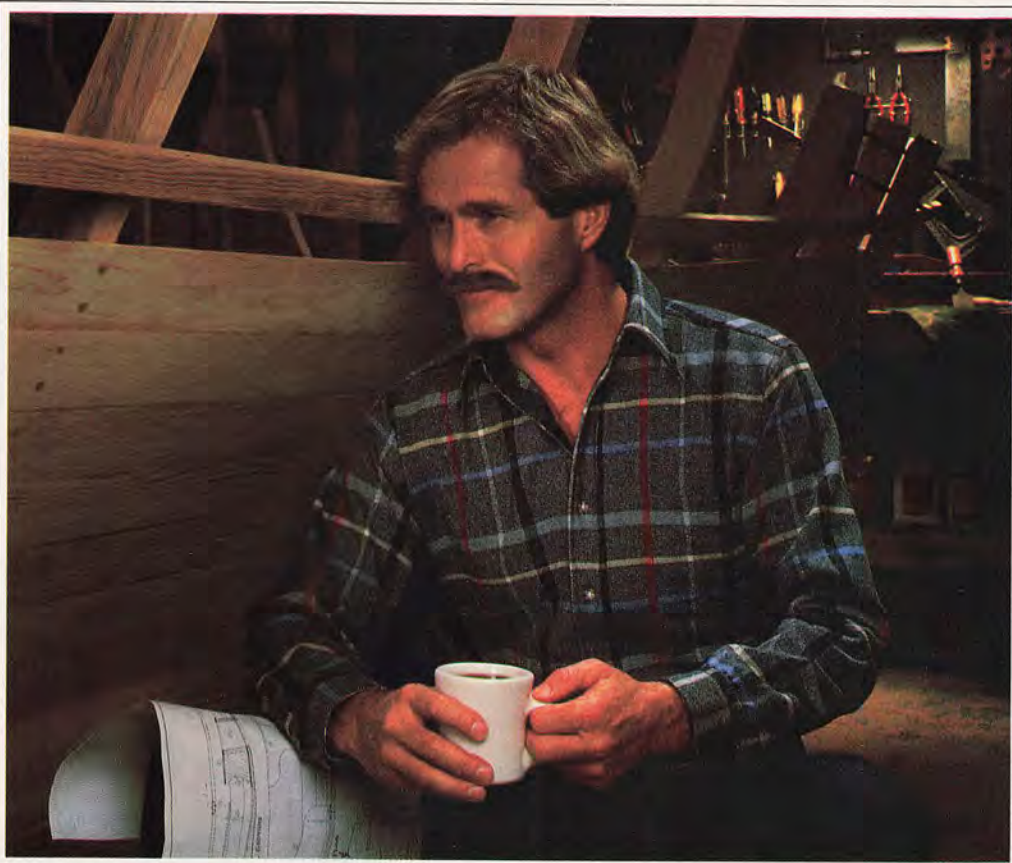
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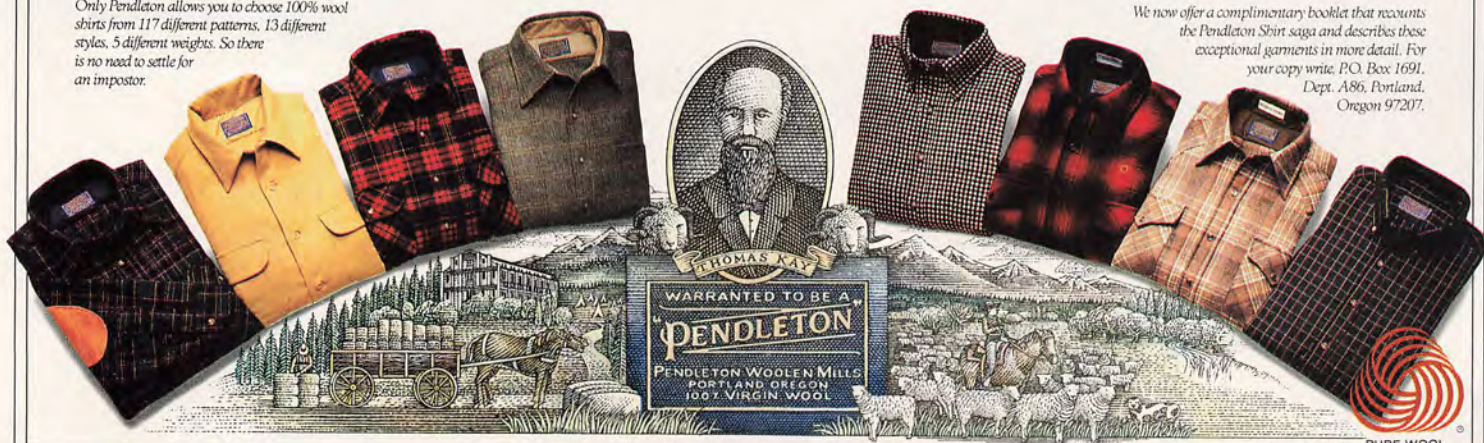
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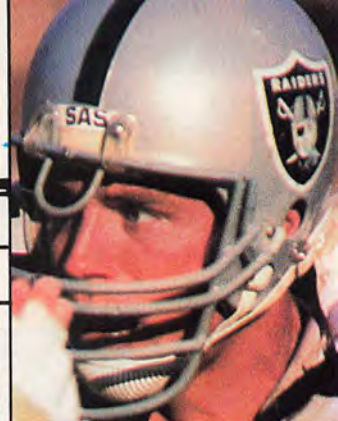
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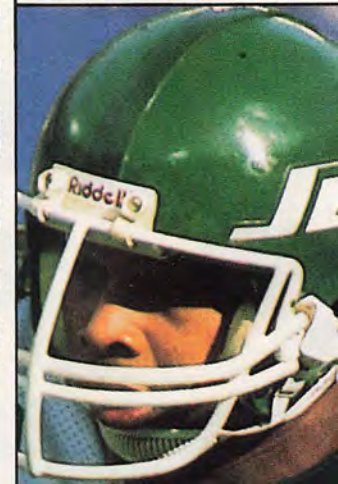
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Without Jim McMahon and his colorful Rozelle headband (cost: \$4.99 on Bourbon Street during Super Bowl Week), the Chicago Bears were shut out by the San Francisco 49ers in the 1984 NFC title game and were handed their only defeat last year by the Miami Dolphins.

But with McMahon, an international hero with acupuncturists from Chicago to Osaka, playing superbly at quarterback, the Bears won their first Super Bowl by drubbing the poor New England Patriots 46-10. In three playoff games, including Super Bowl XX, McMahon passed for 636 yards and three touchdowns without anything close to an interception.

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His most remarkable game, however, came against the Minnesota Vikings. Ailing with a stiff neck and bruised leg, he came off the bench and threw three touchdown passes in seven minutes, inspiring the Bears to a 33-24 win.

All of which seems to suggest that the Bears are indeed a good team with McMahon out of the lineup and Steve Fuller, a dependable backup, quarterbacking, and a great team with McMahon. It isn't just McMahon's accurate throwing arm or his daring as a scrambler. Sure, the Bears' offense needs both skills. But what McMahon also provides is a nervy, almost smug feeling that grows on his teammates and irritates his opponents.

"He's not like most quarterbacks," says Coach Mike Ditka, "but that doesn't mean he's not more into the game than any other quarterback. Some guys look at film over and over again. I think Jim looks at it once and then starts thinking. He sees situations flash, and he says to himself, 'If this happens, I do this; if that happens, I go this way.'"

"He's got a photographic mind," says Dick Stanfel, the Bears' offensive line coach. "He sees things on film and they just stick in his mind. It might take me three times to see and remember something, but it takes him only one time. Like a blitz. I love to see a blitz coming because he knows where to go with it."

McMahon was meant to quarterback the world champion Bears, a team of free spirits and braggarts that did its *Super Bowl Shuffle* on video tape four weeks before the end of the regular season. Laughing at conformity and order, he's worn his hair punk-hawk style (a combination punk and Mohawk), taken acupuncture treatments from a Japanese trainer during the playoffs, stepped out of a limousine on draft day hoisting a beer can and, of course, challenged the National Football League establishment by wearing advertising on his headbands.

"People call me cocky," says McMahon. "If that means you say you're going to do something and then you set out to do it, that's fine. Me, I wasn't awed coming into the NFL. A lot of that had to do with the college I went to (Brigham Young, where almost every down is a passing down) and the coaching I had. I understood the passing offense and read defenses better than most quarterbacks."

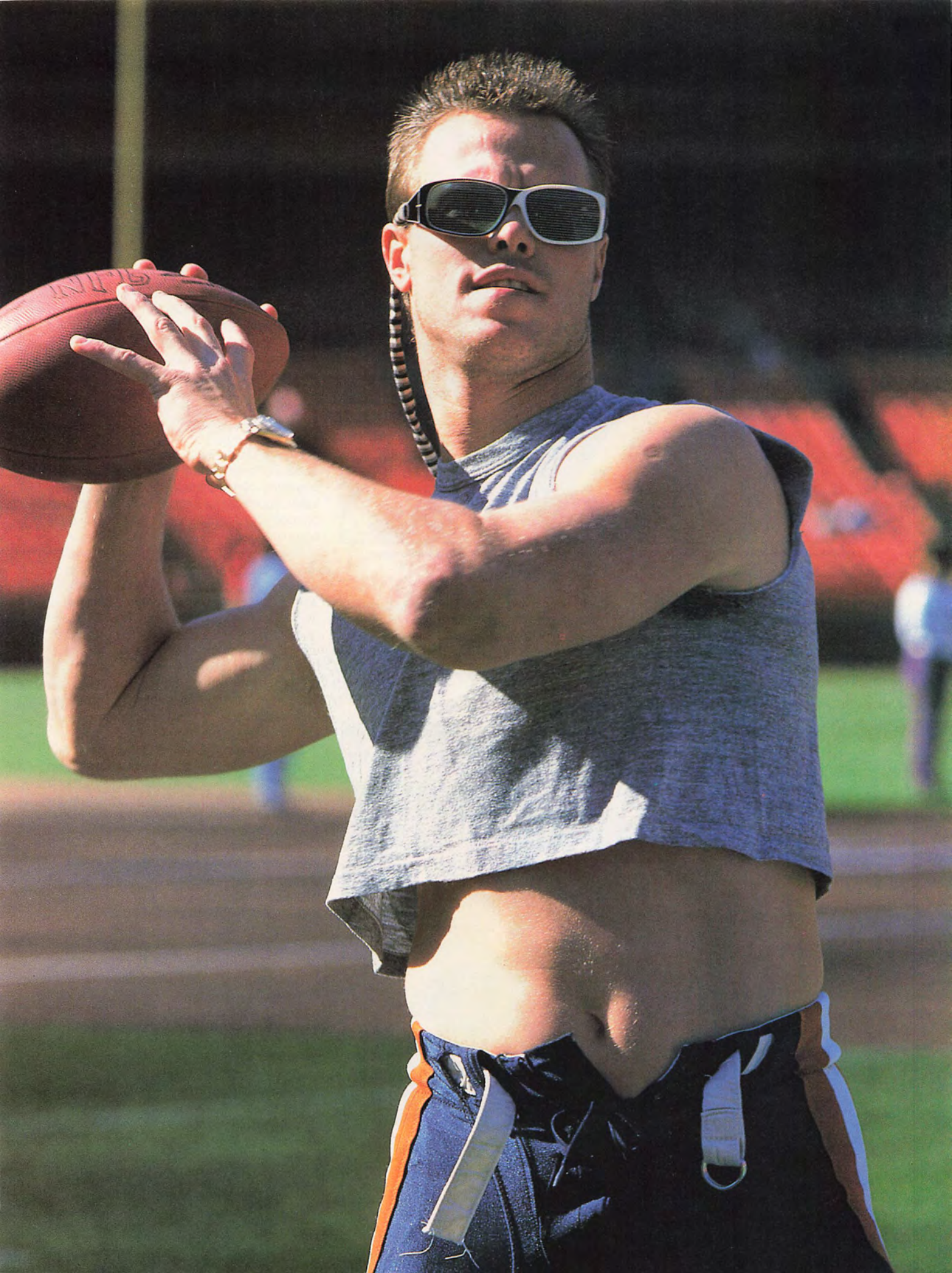
It helped that the Bears had a terrific defense led by Pro Bowlers Richard Dent, Mike Singletary, Otis Wilson, Dan Hampton and Dave Duerson. And that they had Walter Payton to flash outside for an 11th season and steady Matt Suhey to send between the tackles. And that a young, talented line, that includes Pro Bowlers Jimbo Covert and Jay Hilgenberg, was good. And yes, it helped that Mike Ditka, a free spirit himself, was their coach.

Yet you can't help but think about what might have happened to the Bears in the drive to the championship if McMahon had been missing.

"When he's in the lineup, we're a different ball club," says flanker Dennis McKinnon, who had a seven-touchdown season.

"Jim likes to do the opposite of what he's supposed to do," says receiver Ken Margerum. "Some of our big plays result when he throws to a completely different receiver from the one meant to get the pass."

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Opposing quarterbacks always bear in mind that Richard Dent may be nearby to level them.

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Ditka and McMahon have feuded on numerous occasions concerning play selection. McMahon sometimes changes plays to suit his mood at the moment. "I change plays because I see things on the field," he explains. "I don't

do it to upset Mike. I mean, no guts, no glory."

Living up to his reputation as an eccentric, he has stuck out his tongue at television cameras, ignored plays sent in from the sideline, spat at his own offensive blockers, ignored

Walter Payton raised his rushing yardage all-time high to 14,860 yards last season.



medical advice, worn almost every conceivable hairstyle and says that his favorite movie is *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*.

"That character that he (Jack Nicholson) played, well, everybody thought he was crazy," says McMahon. "But he wasn't crazy. That's a lot like me. I'm not crazy, either. I think I'm normal, and I really don't care what people think about me. I don't worry about my image."

McMahon was true to form during Super Bowl Week. Soon after the Bears arrived in New Orleans, he revealed that he had undergone acupuncture on his aching lower left back and upper left buttock. Later in the week acupuncturist Hiroshi Shiraiishi arrived in New Orleans to continue the treatments. When an overambitious wire service hired a helicopter to fly over the Bears' practice site, McMahon mooned its occupants. ("I was just letting them know where it hurt.")

McMahon then was declared persona non grata by the city's natives for supposedly denouncing New Orleans women as "sluts." Later, sportscaster Buddy Diliberto was suspended for airing the report, which proved to be unfounded.

Guard Tom Thayer has a ready explanation for McMahon's antics. Says Thayer: "Jim is an offensive lineman in a quarterback's body. I don't know why he's so goofy. He's not your typical quarterback, who is always neat, clean and nice. He takes snuff, wears sunglasses, cuts his hair funny ways. He does a lot of things the way offensive linemen do."

"He likes to be disgusting on purpose," says Margerum. "That gets a reaction out of people. It gives him a kind of mystique. And I think that's healthy."

McMahon frequently butts helmets with teammates, the zany equivalent of a high-five without hands. "People who don't like me don't know me, but then there are people who know me and still don't like me," he says. "I don't lose any sleep over it."

It hasn't been easy for McMahon, who suffered a lacerated kidney and a hairline fracture of his throwing hand in 1984, and a sprained neck, sore right shoulder and bruised back and buttock last season.

It might have been even tougher if the 1982 draft-day decisions on McMahon and quarterback Art Schlichter had been reversed, McMahon going to the Colts and Schlichter to the Bears.

"I was glad they drafted me," McMahon says. "It seemed as if they'd had a lot of turnover at quarterback. I thought it might be good for me. I remember thinking that it would mean I'd get a chance to play, plus we had a new coach (Ditka) coming in."

Since mid-1983, the Bears have gone 27-4 in games that McMahon has started. Last season, they were 14-0 when McMahon was the starter. They ranked a lowly 20th in passing last year, averaging only 206.4 yards per game



The Bears grabbed the attention of a nationwide audience with their defense featuring Dan Hampton (99) and others of a combative nature.

and producing only 17 touchdown passes. But McMahon's injuries had something to do with it. So did Ditka's penchant for beating an opponent physically, which is to say, shoving the ball down his throat.

As McMahon returned to health and receivers Willie Gault and McKinnon consistently got open, the Bears began to throw more often. And throwing made the Payton-Suhey running attack (the Bears had the NFL's best, averaging 172.6 yards per game) that much more effective.

Still, the Bears' strength is defense, even without Buddy Ryan, their feisty defensive coordinator, who left to become head coach of the Philadelphia Eagles. The unit ranked first in most categories last season, including points allowed (198), yards allowed (258.4 per game), passing completion percentage (47.7) and interceptions (34).

The new coordinator, Vince Tobin, is a 3-4 coach who will still use some facets of Ryan's 46 defense. Whatever the scheme, the Bears will turn loose an extremely quick unit, led by Dent and Hampton upfront, and linebackers

Wilson, Singletary and Wilber Marshall. William Perry, The Refrigerator, improved noticeably as an interior lineman when he wasn't in the Bears' one-yard offense just outside the goal line.

The secondary, once considered a weakness, has been upgraded with the fine play of strong safety Dave Duerson and left corner

The Bears will quickly find that their toughest opponent is complacency, that feeling that it will be easier . . .

Mike Richardson. Veteran free safety Gary Fencik showed his versatility when improvising as a linebacker in yet another of Ryan's wrinkles. The Bears may have to replace right corner Leslie Frazier, who underwent knee surgery from a freak Super Bowl spill.

Operating behind a big, young and con-

stantly improving line (oldest starter: six-year tackle Keith Van Horne), the Bears can beat you with a pound-it-out running game or an underrated passing attack that will continue to improve as long as young receivers Gault and McKinnon keep working at their trade.

The punting (ex-San Diego Charger Maury Buford averaged 42.2 yards) and field-goal work (rookie Kevin Butler hit 31 of 37 field-goal attempts) was impressive, and the returners were either terrific (Gault, 26.2-yard average on kickoffs) or solid (rookie Ken Taylor, 7.9 yards on punts). The coverage teams, however, ranked 25th on kickoffs (23.4-yard average) and 11th on punts (8.8-yard average).

The Bears play in one of the weakest divisions in football. All four of their opponents have changed coaches within the past three years.

Seeking to repeat as Super Bowl champs (no team has done it since the Pittsburgh Steelers in Super Bowls XIII and XIV), the Bears will quickly find that their toughest opponent is complacency, that feeling that it will be easier, not tougher, the second time around.

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The newest unit includes such young talents as linebacker Brian Noble, end Alphonso Carreker, right corner Tim Lewis, free safety Tom Flynn and nose tackle Charles Martin. All except Martin, who jumped from the USFL, were supplied by recent Packer drafts. Yet the quiet catalyst for the vastly improved defense has probably been John Anderson, a first-round pick from the 1978 draft that also produced receiver James Lofton, linebacker Mike Douglass and nose tackle Terry Jones.

"You want as much recognition as the next guy. I guess at times you feel you're being slighted, but I know my value to the team and I'm secure in my abilities."

Dick Corrick, the Packers' player personnel director, oversaw his first draft that year. "It's a pleasant memory," says Corrick, recalling the selection of Anderson with an extra first-round pick obtained from the Los Angeles Raiders in a trade for defensive tackle Mike McCoy. "We had two No. 1s that year. We picked James Lofton with the first and John with the second. He (Anderson) wasn't a superstar guy, and the second-guessers came out of the woodwork on that selection.

"There was one play in a bowl game on a screen pass that convinced me about him. He went through three different guys to get to the ball and make the tackle. It was one of the greatest plays I have ever seen. Right then, I said, 'Jeepers, this guy's going to be something.' "

Strong-side linebacker Anderson has a reputation as a consistent Sunday afternoon player who always seems to turn up in the right place at the right time. But he is not well-known. Green Bay is hardly the media center of the country, and Anderson is hardly a sparkling interview.

"I heard a quote once just before training camp opened one year," says Anderson. "I thought it was appropriate. It was this: 'If you spend all of your time blowing your own horn, chances are you'll be too winded to do your own job.' I'm not an outgoing type of person with the media. If they want to talk to me, fine. If they don't, it doesn't bother me."

"We're all human. You want as much recognition as the next guy. I guess at times you feel you're being slighted, but I know my value to the team and I'm secure in my abilities. To me, that's the most important thing. If you rely on what the media thinks about you or what the press writes about you, you're just putting unnecessary pressure on yourself."

Anderson attended the University of Michigan, where he was an All-American, on the field and in the classroom. During his college career he became interested in Athletes in Action. "I made the decision to accept Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior," he says.

Soon Anderson was to need all the faith he could muster. After being drafted by the Packers midway through the Bart Starr coaching era, Anderson was terrific. In his first 14 games, eight of which the young Packers won, he made five interceptions and played solid run defense. Then he fractured his left arm. Early in a spirited comeback the following year, he broke the same bone in a training camp scrimmage. In 1980 he returned to the lineup only to fracture his arm a third time in the ninth game. It was a year marked, too, by a 51-21 thrashing by the Los Angeles Rams and a 61-7 drubbing by the Chicago Bears.

Anderson now wears a protective guard over the arm, to which a bone graft from his hip was attached. He hasn't missed a game since the start of the 1981 season.

"I worked all off-season to get the arm in shape after the first break," says Anderson. "I thought it was strong but I rebroke it the first week in camp. It was terribly frustrating. I couldn't understand why it happened. I guess I was somewhat

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Green Bay can expect a gain of better than four yards every time Eddie Lee Ivery packs the ball.

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bitter, but I worked through that, and I got to the point where my arm was in good shape again."

Then came the third break. "I didn't understand that, either," he says. "Yet I realized that I didn't have to. I've learned that you'll drive yourself crazy trying to search for the answers."

Coach Forrest Gregg is still searching for answers about why the Packers are such a struggling team in the first half of the season and such an impressive one in the second half. In 1984, the Packers were 1-7 in the first half, 7-1 in the second, for an 8-8 record. Last year, they were 3-5 in the first half, 5-3 in the second, for another 8-8 mark.

"I feel good about where we are with our team," says Gregg. "There are areas that we want to make stronger, but overall we're solid. The big question in everybody's mind, of course, is the quarterback situation."

The Packers expect Lynn Dickey back for a 16th year in the NFL. Other quarterbacks are Randy Wright, journeymen Jim Zorn and Vince Ferragamo, and rookie Robbie Bosco. Wright, a sixth-round draft choice in 1984, underwent knee surgery after his rookie year and didn't make an impact last season until the final game, when he led the Packers to a 20-17 win over Tampa Bay.

"It wasn't a wasted year for Randy," says Gregg. "It was good that he had the chance to sit there and observe, and then, boom, he got his chance on the firing line."

Each of the three quarterbacks active last year threw two more interceptions than scoring passes. Wright's last-game heroics prompted Gregg to say he'll get a shot at the starting job.

"Quarterbacking was a problem all year," says Gregg. "Not once did I go into a game feeling secure about the position. I never knew, from one day to the next, when we were going to come up with a problem."

The running game isn't bad. None of the runners is a Pro Bowl candidate, but Eddie Lee Ivery (636 yards), fullback Jessie Clark (633) and versatile Gerry Ellis (571) helped Green Bay average 138 yards rushing per game. They also caught 76 passes swinging out of the backfield.

James Lofton, a Pro Bowler six straight years, can score with a pass from anywhere on the field. He had another spectacular year with 69 catches for 1,153 yards, a 16.7-yard average and four touchdowns. Fleet Phillip Epps caught 44 passes for 683 yards and two touchdowns, and could contribute even more. Steady Paul Coffman had 49 catches for 666 yards. His six TDs put him in the lead among active NFL tight ends.

The offensive line, which added rookie tackle Ken Ruettggers and guard Rich Moran last year, should get better. Center Mark Cannon, an 11th-round draft pick in 1984, still has his best years ahead of him. Greg Koch, a

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It took Anthony Carter a while, but in the 13th game last season, he finally gave the Minnesota Vikings what they expected from a wide receiver known in the United States Football League as a game-breaker.

Carter, playing pitch and catch with backup quarterback Wade Wilson, caught touchdown passes of 36 and 42 yards as the Vikings came back from 23-0 to beat the Philadelphia Eagles 28-23. All 28 of the Vikings' points came in the final period.

Despite an early-season slump (after jumping to the Vikings from the USFL's Oakland Invaders), Carter finished with 43 catches for 821 yards and eight touchdowns. With 10-year veteran Sammy White fighting injuries and age (32), Carter could emerge as the Vikings' most important big-play receiver since Ahmad Rashad.

"I hope I came out of my shell last year. It's taken a while, maybe because I wasn't comfortable or something. But I'm now doing the things I know I'm capable of doing."

"He can make the big plays for you," says former Vikings Coach Bud Grant, who announced his retirement on Jan. 6, after 28 years as a pro coach. Jerry Burns, a Vikings' assistant for 18 years, replaces Grant.

Says Carter: "I hope I came out of my shell last year. It's taken a while, maybe because I wasn't comfortable or something. But I'm now doing the things I know I'm capable of doing."

What Carter can do as a wide-out can be amazing. In the USFL, he caught 160 passes for 3,042 yards and 27 TDs in three years and was regarded as one of the top six deep threats in pro football. He also returned 45 punts for 387 yards and one touchdown and could handle that specialty for Minnesota this year.

Says Grant: "Not being in training camp last year, Carter was still struggling with concepts of the whole play. But don't give up on him.

"One of the best things he does is block. He helped spring some of (halfback) Darrin Nelson's runs. Carter was the one springing Nelson for eight- and 20-yard gains."

Says Vikings linebacker David Howard, who played against Carter in the USFL: "In the USFL, he was the player you'd judge all other receivers by. He was the best."

It took \$2 million and a turn of fate to lure Carter to Minnesota. When the Miami Dolphins found themselves short of linebackers because of holdouts and injuries, they negotiated a hurry-up trade with the Vikings for five-year veteran Robin Sendlein, plus the Vikings' second-round draft pick, for rights to Carter, then owned by Miami. When the Dolphins finally signed Bob Brudzinski and obtained Hugh Green from the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Sendlein was demoted to a backup role.

Meanwhile, Carter wasn't exactly making people forget about Rashad, or a younger White—until late in the season. After his big game against Philadelphia, Carter finished with seven passes for 144 yards against Atlanta and six for 132 yards against the Eagles in the final game.

Last year's Carter deal stunned Detroit, as well as some Dolphin-watchers. The Lions had been working on a trade of their own to obtain rights to Carter in exchange for linebacker Garry Cobb. When the Vikings, who have lost a few deals themselves, won Carter, instant firepower was added to an offense that's far better than it's 16th ranking (27th rushing, 7th passing) would indicate.

Even without consistent offense, the reshaped and younger Vikings finished with a passable 7-9 record (after a disastrous 3-13 under Les Steckel in 1984). They lost to Atlanta by one point, Philadelphia by two points and the Rams, Green Bay and Detroit by three points.

Although Tommy Kramer ranked 21st among NFL quarterbacks, throwing a league-high 26 interceptions (he's thrown 128 in his nine-year career), Burns remains one of his main supporters. "I think Tommy Kramer is a blue-chip, big-league quarterback," says Burns. "I think he's as good as the top six to eight quarterbacks in the league."

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Striking like a hawk, Viking LB Chris Doleman swoops down on hapless Ram QB Dieter Brock.

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The point Burns might be making is that Kramer has struggled with injuries and personal problems. He missed 20 games in 1983-84 with knee and shoulder problems. "But when he's physically 100 percent," says Burns, "he can play with any quarterback in the league. He's had a history of injuries and sometimes guys can't shake them."

The 31-year-old Kramer threw for 3,522 yards last season, seventh-highest in the NFL, despite the loss of White to injuries and the inconsistency of Carter. He salvaged a 21-17 victory over San Diego with a 26-yard touchdown strike 19 seconds before the final gun. The nagging question is: Can Kramer lead the Vikings over a 16-game season in a division dominated by the best team in football?

Wilson was also dramatic in his performance against Philadelphia. But Kramer is surely Burns' starter.

Says Burns: "I don't think any quarterback can single-handedly carry a team. The game has changed too drastically. Francis (Tarkenton) could but he was the last of a breed. The game has changed since Francis could walk on the field and personally dominate a game."

"Tommy is a great competitor. He's very smart. He throws the ball well, is an unselfish player and very courageous. He's popular with the team as a leader. I think we have to give him more support."

Carter, White, wide receiver Mike Jones and tight end Steve Jordan, the club's reception leader last year with 68, give Kramer some capable targets. Nelson is a clever receiver coming out of the backfield. The Vikings, however, must improve their dreadful rushing attack (94.8 yards per game, 3.7 yards per play average) to make Kramer's play-action fakes more effective. Nelson, a speedy 185-pounder, rushed for 893 yards. He nonetheless failed to score from the 1-yard line on a last-play gamble in the 13-10 loss to the Los Angeles Rams, one of three last-minute losses. Running back Alfred Anderson, the leading rookie rusher in the NFC in 1984, struggled with injuries. So did eight-year fullback Ted Brown, whose rush totals have dropped every year since his 1,063-yard season in 1981 (515, 476, 442 and 336).

Minnesota's offensive line hasn't produced a Pro Bowl player since Ron Yary and Ed White made it in 1977. The best athlete in the group is center Dennis Swilley, who is a solid pass-blocker but at 245 pounds is often over-matched. On the right side, guard Terry Tausch has improved his pass-protection skills, and tackle Tim Irwin is a smart and tireless protector. The left side isn't as formidable. Guard Brent Boyd hasn't been the same since his 1981 knee surgery. This could be the year of the big switch upfront, with second-year center Kirk Lowdermilk and guard Mark MacDonald breaking into the lineup.

Burns has some real potential on defense, including linebacker Chris Doleman, nose

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INTRODUCING ONE MORE SOLID WAY TO FEEL SURE.

When the Detroit Lions tallied the longest injury list in club history, they found that 13 prospective starters had missed a cumulative total of 91 games. Nose tackle Doug English, a four-time Pro Bowler, defensive end Eric Williams, who switched inside after English went down, and center David Jones suffered neck fractures within a five-week period.

Shifting here, patching there, the scuffling Lions had a 7-9 record. It could have been 10-6 with a little more offensive punch. The Lions lost four games by three points or less. It was a year to dwell on defensive strengths, and the biggest plus was Eric Williams.

"I always knew I was a good football player but not a nose tackle," says Williams, who probably will start there this year. "It was fun, though."

A third-round draft pick in 1984, Williams won the defensive left end job last year. When English fractured his neck in the 10th game, the Lions shifted Williams to nose tackle. Soon he was learning about leverage, hand-fighting and body control, keys to playing the position.

"I always knew I was a good football player but not a nose tackle," says Williams, who probably will start there this year. "It was fun, though. At end, sometimes you don't get anybody running the ball at you. Even if you keep up with your man, you don't have the tackles and sacks to show for it. If my first game at nose tackle was any indication, I'd like to play there all the time."

In his debut at nose tackle, Williams forced a Minnesota fumble, tipped a pass that was intercepted and got one of the four Detroit Lion sacks in a 41-21 win. It was the high point of the season for the Lions, who must get more big plays from defensive linemen, many of whom were playing the 3-4 scheme for the first time in their careers. They must also get more consistent quarterbacking from Eric Hipple and/or Joe Ferguson.

Lions fans rejoiced when the club picked Iowa quarterback Chuck Long first in the draft. He stands third in NCAA career passing efficiency and sixth in passing yards. He'll probably get an early opportunity.

Coach Darryl Rogers intends to shore up the defense. "We have to stop the run more effectively," he says. "You simply can't allow people to make the rushing yards that teams had against us."

Opponents averaged 167.8 yards a game and a league-high 4.8 yards a carry. When teams needed a first down, they simply took it to the Lions upfront and got it. Detroit allowed 179 first downs rushing, another league high.

Run defense begins at the nose, where the tackle must ward off high-low, inside-outside blocks from all kinds of angles by the guards and center and somehow maintain body control. His job is to disrupt blocking patterns. This allows the linebackers to flow to the ball. Rogers thinks Williams might be the man for the job.

"Williams played better after he went inside," says Rogers.

Williams was the final Detroit rookie to sign a contract two years ago. He held out for a three-year contract worth \$120,000 in 1984, \$140,000 in 1985 and \$160,000 in 1986, plus a \$150,000 signing bonus.

In his first action as a Lion, Williams had to be pulled from the lineup in a 24-play scrimmage because of exhaustion. "I was embarrassed," he says. "I was sorry I didn't work out harder during the days I was holding out. I remember reading in an article how Doug English sat out the 1980 season and came back to make the Pro Bowl. I was excited about playing with the man."

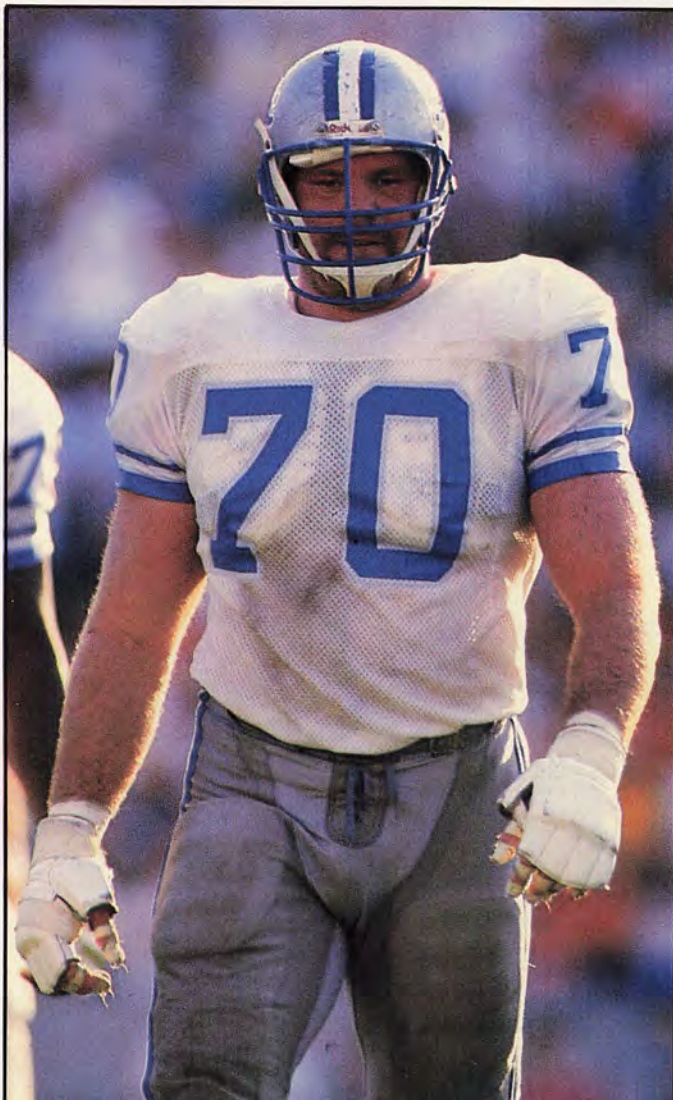
Nose tackle English retired after a 10-year career rather than try to come back from neck surgery on a ruptured disc. That apparently means the Lions will line up with nine-year veteran William Gay at right end, Williams at nose tackle and either six-year veteran Curtis Green, a second-round pick in 1981, or former San Diego Charger Keith Ferguson at left end.

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Fullback James Jones (above) depends for his team-leading rushing yardage in a large way on guard Keith Dorney (right).



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Williams knows all about the uncertainties of the NFL. His father, Roy, was a second-round choice with the Lions in 1963 but was released in the final week of training camp. He played one season for San Francisco. "My father hurt his knee in an exhibition game against the Cowboys," Eric says. "Back then, I guess surgery wasn't the best, so his career was cut short. I plan on a better fate. I thought I would be drafted higher than the third round. I know it's all ego, but when you tell everyone you're going in the first or second round and you go in the third, it's kind of disappointing."

A week before the '84 draft, Williams sprained his ankle in a game of pickup basketball. "I kept quiet about it," he says. "You know how those draft rumors start. Well, the Sunday before the draft, the Lions called and asked about my ankle. It's amazing how the news traveled from Stockton, Calif. (Williams' hometown) to Detroit."

After a disappointing rookie year, Williams came back with 60 tackles, 6½ sacks, one fumble recovery and one blocked field goal. If Rogers is right, he will be even better over a full season at nose tackle.

Behind the Lions' rush-line, the linebacking strength depends on the health of weak-side backer Mike Cofer (out nine games with a broken hip) and James Johnson (out for the season with a back injury). Johnson, a third-round pick last year, has 4.6 speed and natural pass-defending skills.

The secondary isn't bad, but the Lions could upgrade the safety spots. William Graham, who led the team in tackles with 113 (75 unassisted), will return to strong safety after a season at free safety. Rogers plans to give William "Boo-Boo" Frizzell a shot at free safety ahead of Demetrious Johnson. Left corner Bobby Watkins is the best talent in the secondary. He had five interceptions and now has 20 in four seasons.

Offense needs the most rebuilding. Billy Sims, who owns most of the Lions' rushing records, isn't expected to return after missing last year because of major knee surgery. Neither is Wilbert Montgomery, who missed nine games due to a knee problem.

"We are looking for the draft to shore up our losses if those people don't play," says Rogers. "We made progress last year, but you must remember that a coach's second year is a little more difficult than the first. The newness wears off. Your opponents have a chance to see what you can do. After being in the league a year, I'll probably make more changes."

Rogers will need a speedy back to replace Sims. He hopes to upgrade his quarterback situation and believes the drafting of the 6-4, 213-pound Long may do it. Hipple set a total of six personal marks last season, and yet the Lions finished last in offense and scored only 307 points.

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Eric Hipple has a six-year edge in experience but faces a serious challenge from Chuck Long.

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The Lions didn't scare anybody with their fullback-oriented running game. James Jones was the rushing leader with 886 yards. Defenses simply came hard after the passer and played tough in the short and medium zones. Hipple isn't noted for throwing the long ball.

The receivers, 12-year veteran Leonard Thompson (career totals: 252 catches, 4,362 yards, 30 TDs) and rangy Jeff Chadwick (out nine games with a broken collarbone) can catch anywhere on the field. But Thompson will be 34 in July, and Chadwick, who caught 77 passes in his first two full seasons, doesn't have great speed. Thus, the Lions need a burner who can get open deep. Mark Nichols, a No. 1 pick in 1981, has 4.4 speed but has been bothered by injuries.

"On offense, we can move the football, although we were not impressive statistically," says Rogers. "Our strength last year was the ability to force turnovers that put us in good field position. The best thing the offense did was not turn the ball over. If the defense becomes more proficient against the run, the offense will have the ball more often and will improve dramatically."

"We can use those as a springboard. I think we're going to come back and have a great season."

The Lions have a strong interior line, led by eight-year veteran Keith Dorney, who was switched from tackle to guard last year; tackle Lomas Brown, the Lions' No. 1 pick of 1985; and 6-7 tackle Rich Strenger, a second-rounder from the highly productive '83 draft. Steve Mott is a young talent at center. Rogers is seeking improved play from his guards, Don Greco (out eight games with shoulder and ankle injuries) and Chris Dieterich (out seven games with a knee injury).

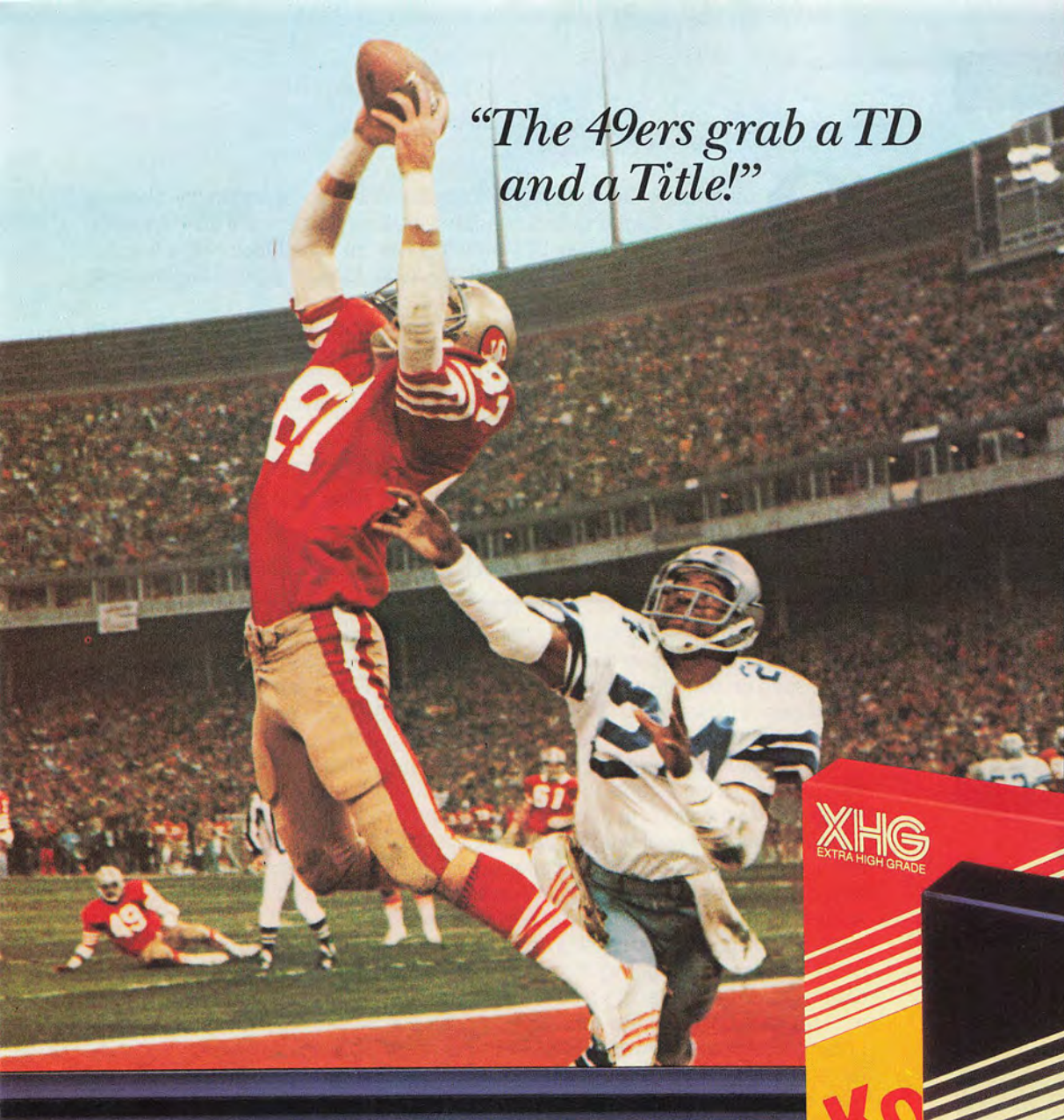
Kicker Ed Murray had another excellent year, making 26 of 31 field-goal attempts, including 12 in a row before missing a 55-yarder in the final game. Punter Mike Black continued to improve, averaging 41.8 yards. Pete Mandley (10.6-yard average on punt returns) and Alvin Hall (22.7-yard average on kickoff returns) ranked third and sixth respectively in the NFC.

Says Hipple, "There's a positive outlook this year. We had some high points (wins over Dallas, San Francisco, New York Jets, Miami), and we can use those as a springboard. I think we're going to come back and have a great season."

The Lions have made the playoffs only two times in the past 15 years, a period in which they seemed to be standing still (10 seasons with six to eight wins). As Dorney puts it: "I've been here seven years, and I'm sick of waiting until next year."

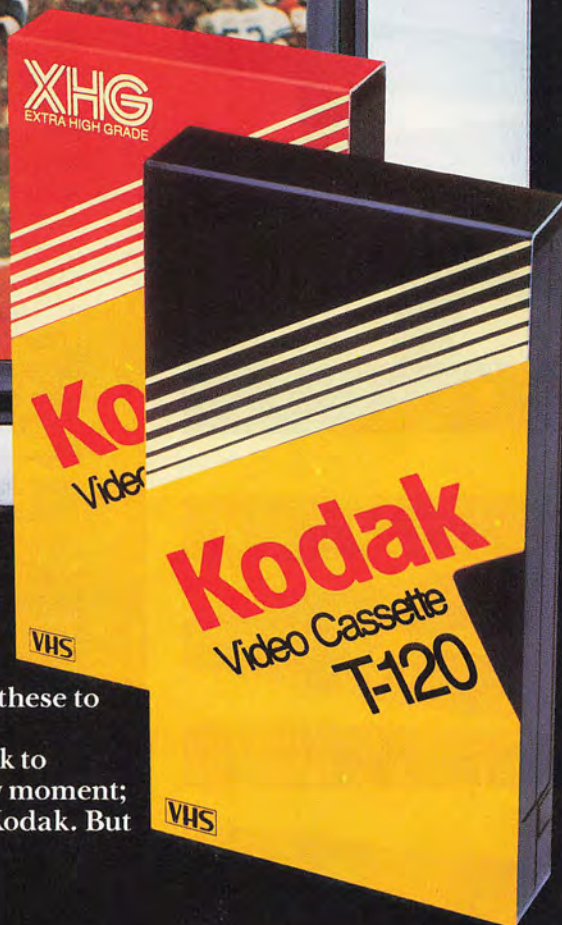
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Q uarterback Steve Young, who dreamed about playing in the National Football League, got his chance in the last five games of a 2-14 season with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. The Bucs lost four of the five, but Young, the wealthiest quarterback in pro football, proved that he could be the key to the team's future.

"Steve came along just fine," says Coach Leeman Bennett. "People expect a lot from a first-round quarterback. But it takes time. Five excellent quarterbacks entered this league in 1983, and only Dan Marino had success in his first year. And Marino had a full training camp and a stable, winning situation. Even he didn't start until the sixth game."

**"I know you can't run around like a wild man.
You've got to learn to use all 11 men on the field.
I just wish we could win while I learn."**

Young, who jumped to the Bucs from the USFL, is much more than just another talented dropback passer from BYU. He can scramble (233 yards in five starts). He can inspire an offense with pure emotion ("He had steam coming out of his ears," said tackle Ron Heller after the Bucs edged Detroit 19-16 in Young's first NFL start). He is also the great-great-grandson of Brigham Young.

Young's problems with the rebuilding Bucs may be that he tried too hard. "I like to keep things in a team context," he says. "We lost four straight last year and that was not good. Maybe I look at that win-loss line too much, but that's the way I am."

Young has a way of laughing at success, too. "I just told my dad to give me enough money for gas," he said after signing his \$40 million contract with the Los Angeles Express two years ago. When asked if he was a team player, he said, "If I wanted to be a star, I would have played tennis."

Young finished last year with a quarterback rating of 56.9 and an accuracy figure of 52.2 percent, struggling through 21-0 and 26-7 losses to Green Bay and Minnesota. After replacing nine-year veteran Steve DeBerg, Young threw eight interceptions but only three touchdown passes in 138 attempts, while taking off on scrambles 40 times. "I wasn't happy with my stats," he says. "And I know you can't run around like a wild man. You've got to learn to use all 11 men on the field. I just wish we could win while I learn."

Young, at least, is winning at the bank. His record-breaking contract with the Express was worth \$40 million, \$35 million of it deferred over 43 years, or until the year 2027.

His contract with the Bucs isn't bad, either. It totals \$4,892,587, including a signing bonus of \$1,142,587. His base pay, which was \$200,000 last year, will jump to \$350,000 this year, \$500,000 in 1987, \$700,000 in 1988, \$900,000 in 1989 and \$1.1 million in 1990.

Is he worth it?

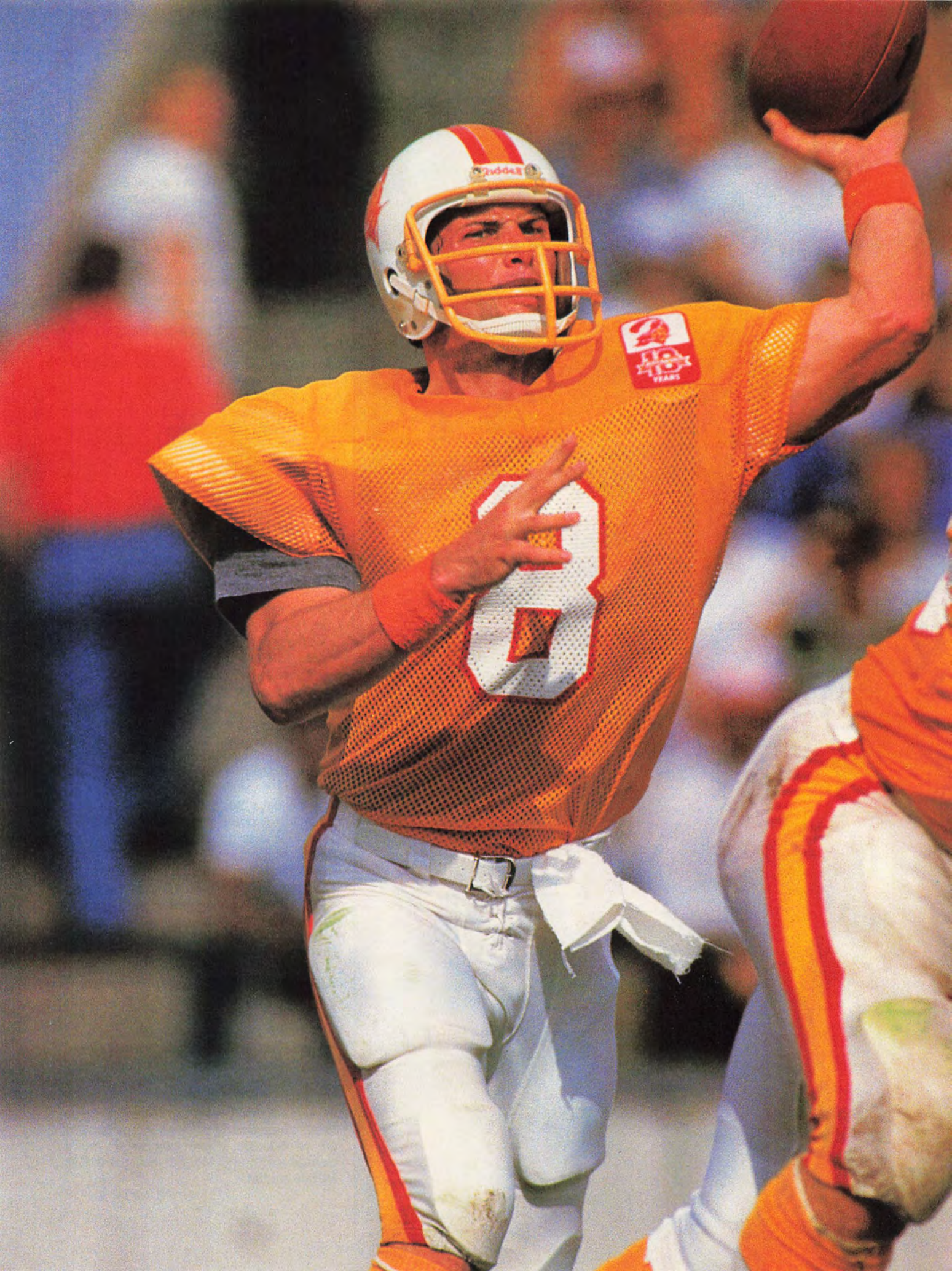
"Lifetime security was not a factor," says Leigh Steinberg, the agent who represents Young and 15 other pro quarterbacks. "Steve Young is absolutely unconcerned with money; he wants to use football to help other people."

Young donated \$200,000 to BYU as a scholarship fund after signing with the Express. A percentage of his Express salary was given to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. He also plans to donate additional money to community youth groups.

"I had a fantastic opportunity when I came out of college," says Young, "and I try to make the most of it. My heart's out there on the line every game. I'll do whatever it takes to win. I just feel lucky to have the chance to play pro sports."

On the other hand, how many players yearn to play for the Bucs? Their best quarterback, Doug Williams, left for the USFL in 1983 after a contract squabble. Their best linebacker, two-time Pro Bowler Hugh Green, left last midseason for the Miami Dolphins after five seasons with teams that went 9-7, 5-4, 2-14, 6-10 and 2-14. Tampa Bay's best defensive lineman, Lee Roy Selmon, missed last season

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James Wilder (above) has carried the ball almost by himself for the Bucs, but with Bo Jackson on hand, that responsibility would be shared. Jimmie Giles (right) will catch fire from the offense Young will lead.



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with a herniated disc. He decided in April to retire rather than undergo surgery. His brilliant 10-year career included six Pro Bowl seasons.

Bennett, former Atlanta Falcons coach who replaced John McKay last season, is convinced that the Bucs aren't that far away from reaching the playoffs.

"We didn't finish strongly last season, and that's a disappointment," Bennett says. "But we played well against teams of playoff caliber like Chicago, the Los Angeles Rams, Miami and the New York Giants."

It all starts with Young, a lefty with great field instincts. "I hope to prove that I'm a team player," he says. "I'm not used to having third downs and walking off the field. I'm used to going on. I'm used to scoring 45 points."

The Bucs have never scored 45 points in a game in their 11-year history. They have struggled with quarterbacks. Young represents a fresh start. But no quarterback can move an offense with consistently poor field position. And no quarterback can win without solid defense. The Bucs need both.

Bennett plans to switch from a one-back to a two-back offense. The idea is that with Bo Jackson, the No. 1 choice in the NFL draft, some of the pressure will be taken off James Wilder, who has rushed for 2,844 yards and 23 touchdowns and caught 138 passes in the past two seasons. Bennett also plans to take advantage of Young's scrambling ability with a rollout scheme.

Bennett announced almost three weeks before the Bucs drafted the Auburn superstar that they would "take their chances" if a bidding war with baseball developed over Jackson, the 1985 Heisman Trophy winner. The All-American, who has sprinted 40 yards in 4.22, rushed for 1,786 yards (6.4 average) and scored 17 touchdowns last season.

A few days before the NFL draft, Jackson said, "All my doors are open until one day in June." He was chosen by the Birmingham Stallions in the USFL territorial draft and reportedly would entertain an offer from them, too.

"Wilder has been a workhorse," says Bennett. "But the holes he needs have not consistently been there."

The Bucs have never sent an offensive lineman to the Pro Bowl despite the presence of high-round draft picks: right guard Sean Farrell (first round, '82), center Randy Grimes (second, '83) and tackle Ron Heller (fourth, '84). All are starters.

Tampa Bay gave up 40 sacks last year, seven below the NFL average. But many times it took DeBerg's experience or Young's quick feet to escape a pass rush. Despite Wilder's big games, the Bucs averaged only 3.8 yards per rush, 19th in the league. Clearly, Bennett needs to upgrade his blocking unit, particularly on the left side, where journeyman tackle George Yarno and second-year guard Rick Mallory started.

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BROWN

While much of the pro football world waited for him to demonstrate his athletic talents, Ron Brown dealt with first things first. It is the only way important goals can be achieved, he says.

Thus it was in 1983 that Brown politely thanked the Cleveland Browns for drafting him, and said he had other business to attend to before turning to football. A world-class sprinter at Arizona State, he had fantasized about participating in the Olympic Games since boyhood in Baldwin Park, Calif.

So he turned his back on a season of NFL paydays to transform the fantasy into reality. For those who considered this a gamble, pointing to the possibility of injury and financial loss, Brown set out to prove himself a legitimate candidate for the U.S. Olympic team. During the indoor season, he defeated superstar Carl Lewis three times in the 60-yard dash. Brown's best time was 6.06 seconds. He was also the only American to defeat Lewis in a 100-meter race during the pre-Olympic campaign, blazing to a 10.06 clocking.

The fastest man in the NFL performed well enough as a kick returner last season to achieve yet another goal: the Pro Bowl.

In time even the pro football world began to look upon Brown's postponement of an NFL career as both heroic and patriotic. When he earned a spot in the 100-meter dash and as a member of the 4x100 meter relay, his cause was championed throughout the league.

The Los Angeles Rams were so taken with Brown that they fashioned a trade with Cleveland for the rights to his post-Olympic services. Never mind that he would miss most of the '84 training camp and had played wide receiver only one season in college. With speed, size (5-11, 181) and a competitive nature, he was hardly a long shot.

Brown finished fourth in the 100-meter dash. Then, as a member of the U.S. sprint relay team, he earned the long-cherished gold medal. He then put aside his spikes and signed a four-year contract with the Rams for an estimated \$2 million.

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Making All-Pro, too, Brown showed he was not just another trackman trying to make the transition to football. An all-league performer as a tailback in high school, he performed well as a cornerback for three seasons at Arizona State. Against the University of Houston in 1980, he intercepted three passes. Moved to wide receiver in his senior season, he caught 17 passes for 319 yards and four touchdowns. In the 1982 Fiesta Bowl game, he caught a 52-yard bomb for a score. Not exactly All-America statistics, but good enough to prompt the Browns to make him a second-round draft pick.

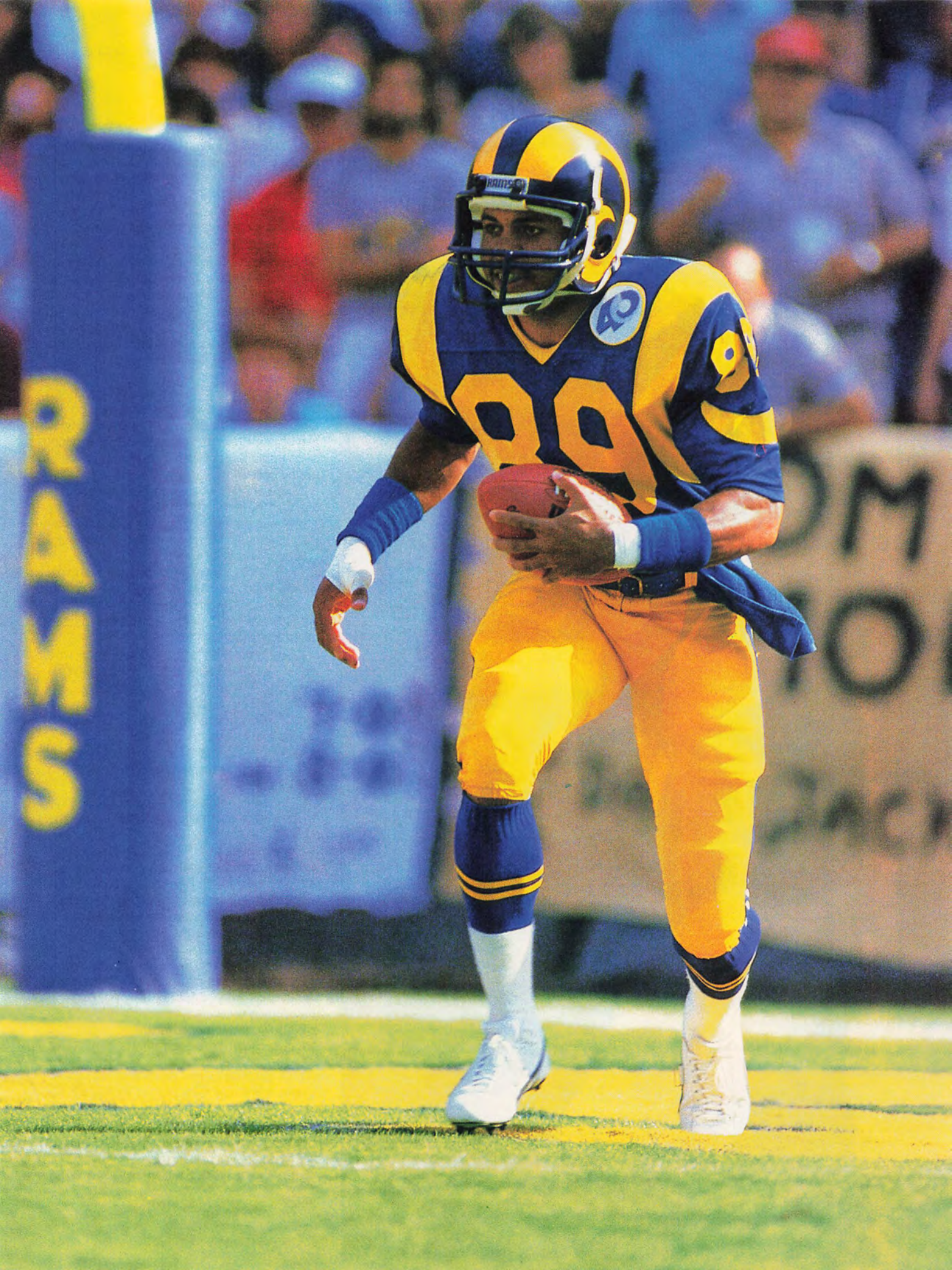
"I knew when I entered college that one day I would play pro football," Brown says. "I had the speed and I felt I had the ability. I told people that I was a good football player before I became a good runner. I've worked hard; I lifted weights to make sure I had the strength to go with my speed."

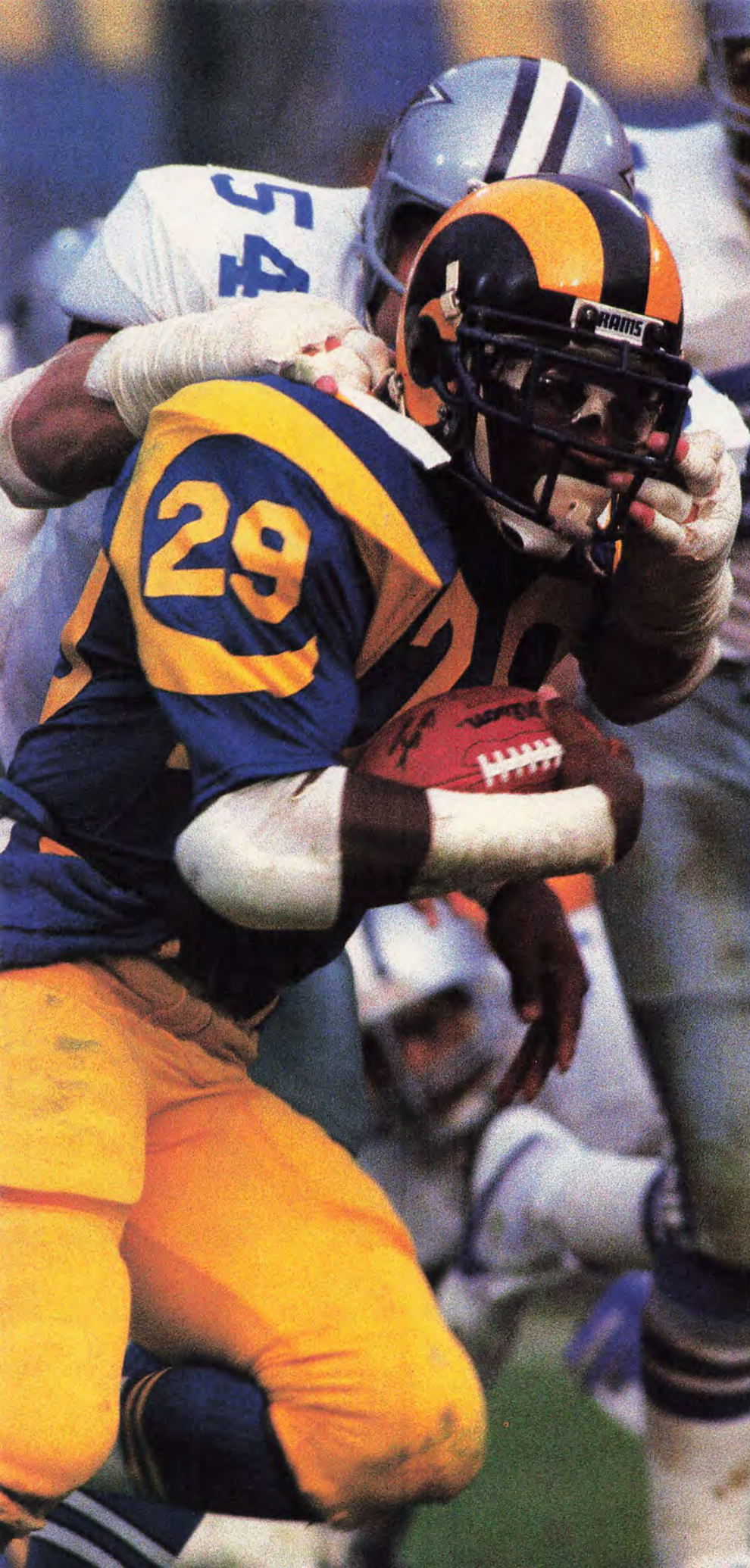
Though Brown doesn't rank high among Ram receivers in numbers of catches (14 for 215 yards and three touchdowns last year), his presence gives defenses headaches. While continuing to improve as a receiver, he led the NFL in kickoff returns, averaging 32.8 yards on 28 carries. He ran back two kickoffs for touchdowns against Green Bay, one of 98 yards. That tied the NFL record. He had three TDs on kickoff returns for the season.

"An athlete with the speed Ron has gives you the kind of threat nobody can teach," says Coach John Robinson. "Though he didn't catch that many passes, it is impossible to measure his contribution by statistics alone. His presence forces defenses to do things they don't like to do. They know one mistake against him can mean six points."

Brown insists he's just getting started. "I'm aware of my lack of experience as a

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Eric Dickerson, who rushed for 1,234 yards, is held in high esteem by opponents.

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receiver," he says. "Guys who have played the position for several years before coming to the NFL have an advantage. But I've made progress. Making catches is becoming second nature now, and my adjustment to the ball has improved. There was a time when I was trying too hard, forgetting to do things naturally."

A difficult time for Brown came during the off-season of his rookie year when he underwent knee surgery. Pancreatitis troubled him last summer in training camp and in the first week of the season. Robinson was concerned that his gold medal receiver might not be the investment he had hoped for. However, the knee healed and the illness was diagnosed and cured.

Now Brown has another goal. Considering the Rams' division-winning 12-6 season (including a 20-0 victory over Dallas in the NFC playoff semifinals game), he feels that he might soon add a Super Bowl ring to his impressive trophy collection.

There are few who disagree that Robinson has built the Rams into a legitimate contender. They have offensive firepower and a defense that continues to improve. But consistency has been a problem.

The Rams' offense continues to live and die with the running of All-Pro Eric Dickerson, who rushed for 1,234 yards and 12 touchdowns in '85. However, the balance Robinson expected never materialized.

Dieter Brock was to be the quarterback who would vault the Rams from a good team to a great one. Though Brock's statistics are generally impressive (a 59.7 completion rate on 218 of 365 passes for 2,658 yards and 16 touchdowns), critics complain that he's too short to get the ball past tall defensive linemen, lacks quickness and appears hesitant to throw deep.

Robinson continues to support Brock. And Brock insists that he's comfortable with the progress he made.

Nevertheless, the Rams gave Steve Bartkowski a tryout in early April and were expected to sign him. Bartkowski, 33, was released by the Falcons last season. The veteran of 11 seasons in Atlanta completed 69 of 111 passes (62.2 percent) last year with five touchdowns and only one interception. He has thrown for more than 23,000 yards in his career.

Despite Brock's statistics, the Rams were last in the NFL in passing. Few point at the receivers.

Wide receiver Henry Ellard, though no challenge to Brown in a footrace, is capable of giving secondaries problems. He led the team with 54 catches for 811 yards and five touchdowns. Tight end Tony Hunter caught 50 for 562 yards, while his backup, David Hill, added 29 catches. Add Bobby Duckworth (25 receptions) and Brown, and it seems that the ingredients for a superior passing game are available.

The Rams did not threaten with a deep

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Roger Craig sat slumped in the postgame dressing room, a portrait of pain and dejection. He and his San Francisco 49ers teammates, hoping to salvage a roller coaster season with a strong showing in the playoffs, had just suffered a 17-3 wild-card loss to the New York Giants. The defending Super Bowl champion had failed again in a bid to repeat.

Despite a year of impressive accomplishments, the campaign had taken its toll on the 222-pound fullback in his third NFL season. Craig had entered the game with pain in both knees and bruises that might have kept a less courageous player on the sideline.

Carrying 214 times, he ran for 1,050 yards and nine touchdowns. As a receiver, he caught 92 passes, an NFL high and a team record, for 1,016 yards and six more TDs.

Weary and battered, now he talked of turning down the invitation he had received to play in his first Pro Bowl. Listeners nodded sympathetically, but they knew that he would soon forget his tiredness. He would be in Honolulu, taking his place in the NFC starting backfield alongside Walter Payton. Craig would bounce back.

The postseason honor was well deserved. During San Francisco's 10-6 regular season he had done what no other NFL back—not even O. J. Simpson, Eric Dickerson or Payton—accomplished. Despite pain, Craig played in every game, gaining over 1000 yards both as a rusher and as a receiver. Carrying 214 times, he ran for 1,050 yards and nine touchdowns. As a receiver, he caught 92 passes, an NFL high and a team record, for 1,016 yards and six more TDs.

If there was ever any doubt that the former Nebraska standout was destined to be a major force in pro football, he dispelled it in San Francisco's 1985 Super Bowl XIX victory. Craig scored three touchdowns and rushed for 135 yards.

No one, then, was surprised a few days after the defeat by the Giants when Craig announced that he would play in the Pro Bowl. "I thought about it and decided it might be a once-in-a-lifetime chance," he says. "It was my first time to be selected, and I was going to start in the backfield with a legend: Walter Payton. And, too, it occurred to me that if they (NFL players) thought enough of me to pick me, I owed it to them to play."

Craig thinks about things like that because he has fought through physical and mental pain before.

The All-America running back at Davenport (Iowa) Central High accepted a scholarship to Nebraska with mixed emotions. He was excited about the prospect of playing college football but saddened that his father, a mechanic who had encouraged him to take full advantage of his athletic skills, was dying of cancer.

Elijah Craig died during his son's freshman year. Crushed by the loss and having difficulty coping with the pressures of college life, Roger was ready to quit and return home. His mother reminded him of the values her husband had instilled. "Elijah was always encouraging Roger to work hard and be the best he could be," she says. "And Roger had worked too hard to get where he was to throw it all away. He came back from a broken leg in his junior year (in high school) to be an All-American. He won the state championship in wrestling, and he was a good hurdler on the track team.

"I told him he couldn't come home, that he had unfinished business to attend to. That's what his father would have told him."

Craig rededicated himself to achieving goals he felt would have made his father proud. When his collegiate career ended, he was the school's fourth-leading all-time rusher with 2,446 yards and ranked sixth in scoring with 158 points. In 1983 he was a second-round draft selection of the 49ers.

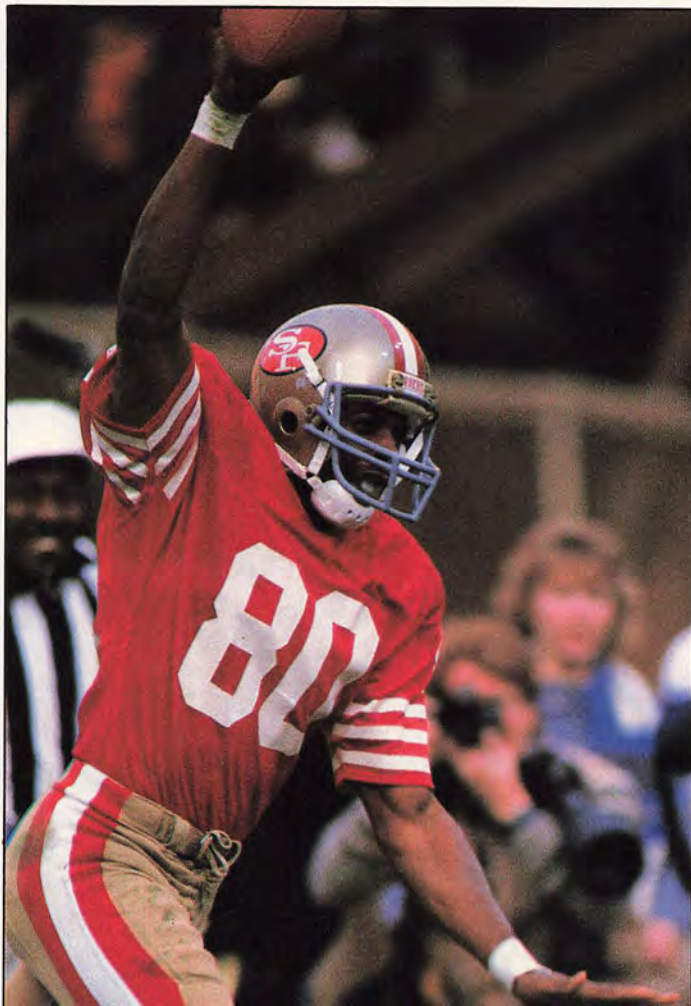
As a rookie he gained 725 yards, third highest in San Francisco history for a first-year player. Still, in the minds of many, he was one of those reliable players who would always play a supporting role.

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Joe Montana (above) to Jerry Rice (right) is a 49ers' passing combination that clicks.



(San Francisco continued)

Today, however, Craig has earned the right to be considered a superstar. "He's one of the premier players in the game," says San Francisco Coach Bill Walsh. "There's not another back around who can do so many things well: running, catching, blocking."

Craig is pleased by the bouquets, but they don't turn his head. "All I do is try to get better every week," he says.

Few teams can boast the top-to-bottom quality of the 49ers' roster. If the rash of ailments (11 players were on injured reserve when the season ended) that created problems a year ago can be avoided, and if the offense can recapture some of the explosiveness that disappeared in '85, there is every chance San Francisco again will be one of the top teams in the NFL.

While Craig commanded much in 1985, it is the passing arm of veteran quarterback Joe Montana that makes the 49ers' offense go. Despite injury problems, Montana ranked first in the NFC with 3,653 passing yards and 27 touchdowns for a 91.3 rating. The 49ers traded Matt Cavanaugh to the Eagles but acquired Jeff Kemp from the Rams as a backup.

If running back Wendell Tyler returns to full speed, the running game could be devastating with the potential for two 1000-yard runners. Despite being slowed, Tyler gained 867 yards (5.1 average). With Tyler at full speed, Craig probably won't get the 200-plus carries of a year ago, but with added balance both runners could prove more effective.

Montana's collection of targets is the envy of the NFL. Veteran All-Pro Dwight Clark had—for him—an off year, catching 54 passes for 705 yards. A 49-yard touchdown catch was his longest.

The most exciting new player was rookie receiver Jerry Rice who debuted impressively with 49 catches for 927 yards. Second only to track superstar Renaldo Nehemiah in speed, he improved steadily and could develop into one of the league's premier receivers. Tight end Russ Francis had 44 receptions for 478 yards.

The offensive line, led by Pro Bowl center Fred Quillan, is again healthy. Tackles William "Bubba" Paris and Keith Fahnhorst, and guards John Ayers and Guy McIntyre are outstanding talents.

"Offensively, we had troubles, particularly with execution," Walsh says. "There were too many penalties, too many busted plays at crucial times. We moved the ball well, then seemed to have a breakdown at the wrong time. One of the problems, I think, was that we ran so many people in and out, trying to get a healthy group on the field. For our offense to perform smoothly, we've got to have a unit working together over the long stretch. That's one of our primary goals."

Despite the problems the 49ers had on offense, they managed to finish second only to Dallas in the NFC in passing with 3,688

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You had to be there to appreciate the moment: Dallas Cowboys running back Tony Dorsett, one of the NFL's swiftest and most elusive runners, found a crack in the New Orleans defense and was in the open. Racing down the sidelines, he added almost 50 yards to his rushing total when suddenly a 6-2, 240-pound defender made a touchdown-saving tackle.

Saints fans did not need to check their programs to recognize the man who made that tackle. Only All-Pro linebacker Rickey Jackson could run down a 9.5 sprinter. It was another in a lengthy history of big plays the former University of Pittsburgh standout has made since his arrival in New Orleans five years ago.

The outspoken Jackson enjoys making such plays. They help him make his point. "Can you picture a quarterback doing something like that? Or anyone else on the field?" he asks.

"That's who puts you in the Pro Bowl—the guys you beat up during the season. They look at films and try to figure ways to stay away from Rickey Jackson."

An outside linebacker, Jackson explains, has to be able to do it all. If he isn't covering a running back coming out of the backfield as a pass receiver, he's rushing the passer and fighting through a 270-pound offensive lineman, or he's being double-teamed by two tight ends as he tries to get to the runner.

"There's no other defensive player who has that kind of responsibility," he says. "Not the defensive linemen, not even the cornerbacks. The guy playing outside linebacker has to be able to do it all."

And Jackson does it all. Last year, as the Saints struggled to a disappointing 5-11 season, he led the team in sacks (11) and was second in total tackles with 106. For the third straight year, he was selected for the Pro Bowl.

The Pro Bowl honors seemed justified to the self-assured Jackson, who began his career as a tight end at Florida's Pahokee High School. "I wasn't surprised," he says. "I worked hard for it, and everybody I played against busted their tails against me. That's who puts you in the Pro Bowl—the guys you beat up during the season. They look at films and try to figure ways to stay away from Rickey Jackson. When it comes time to vote, they respect what you did. They remember."

Needless to say, Jackson is not a man to hide behind false modesty. During his career he has never been hesitant to speak his mind. He's been critical of teammates when he felt they were giving less than 100 percent. He's demanded to be traded to some other team that would be willing to pay him a higher salary, and he's let the world know he's woefully tired of the Saints' losing tradition. The latter, in fact, is the source of most of his tirades. He wants to be a winner.

In high school Jackson was a member of three state championship teams, catching 21 passes for eight touchdowns in his senior year. He also played on the Florida state champion basketball team. At Pittsburgh, where he played defensive end opposite Hugh Green, he was part of the top-rated defensive unit in college football. He was invited to participate in the Senior Bowl and was named the most valuable defensive player in the East-West Shrine Game.

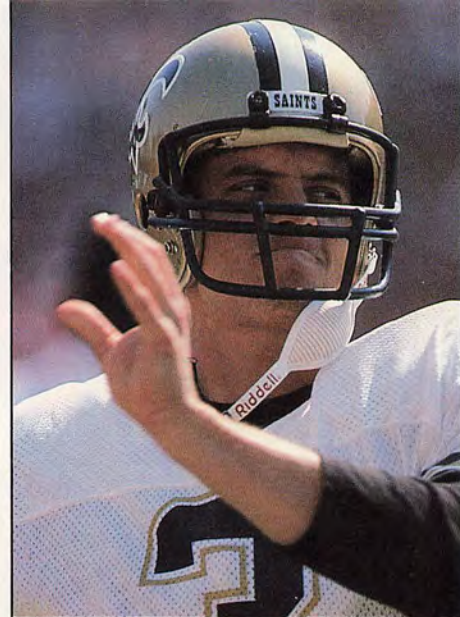
His Pro Bowl trophies aside, times have been lean since Jackson's jump to the NFL. The Saints have continually occupied a back seat in the annual race for the NFC West title.

"If you let it get to you—and I guess I do at times—it can affect your performance," he says. "You go out every year, hoping things are going to be better, then look up at midseason and see things aren't going too well. At that point you have to make up your mind to keep working hard. I'm not the kind of guy who can coast. And I don't want anyone around me doing it either."

In truth, Jackson is not in a position to resolve the main problem facing new Coach Jim Mora. If New Orleans is to challenge in the West, it has to get its offensive problems resolved. A year ago the Saints ranked 27th in total offense

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Bobby Hebert (above) and Wayne Wilson (left) should boost the Saints' offense.

(New Orleans continued)

(19th rushing, 24th passing). There were no 1000-yard rushers, quarterbacks Dave Wilson and Bobby Hebert struggled and the offensive line was a major concern.

The most lethal weapon in the Saints' arsenal was kicker Morten Andersen, who connected on 31 field goals and set a team record with 14 consecutive three-pointers. He became the Saints' all-time scoring leader (317 points).

On draft day there was an obvious concentration on offensive needs. Their first selection was Virginia tackle Jim Dombrowski, a 6-5, 290-pounder they think can make his presence felt immediately. Three of the next four picks were running backs: LSU's Dalton Hilliard, Washington State's Rueben Mayes, and Virginia's Barry Word.

Part of New Orleans' problem in '85 was the absence of running back Hokie Gajan, who was off to an impressive start before hamstring and knee problems sidelined him for 10 games. In Gajan's absence, veteran Earl Campbell, once the NFL's premier back, and halfback Wayne Wilson carried the rushing load, collecting 643 and 645 yards. Campbell was near his old form at times. He set a team record with 35 carries against Minnesota for 160 yards.

Still, the backfield picture is clouded: Can Gajan return to full speed? Will Campbell re-emerge as the impact player he once was despite his age and the punishment he has taken? Will the rookies live up to their college credentials and make an immediate contribution?

At season's end the Saints' depth chart listed Hebert as the starting quarterback with former Jets standout Richard Todd the backup. Wilson was one of 15 players without a contractual commitment as the '86 season approached. Hebert threw for 1,208 yards and five touchdowns after moving into the starting role (finishing with a respectable 74.6 rating).

Tight end Hoby Brenner, the team's offensive MVP last year, led all receivers with 42

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Meanwhile, make guacamole: In small bowl, mash with fork ½ medium avocado and 1 teaspoon lemon juice. Stir in 1 tablespoon sour cream and a dash of hot pepper sauce.

To serve: Spoon about ¼ cup meat mixture into four taco shells; top with shredded lettuce, shredded Cheddar cheese, diced tomato, sliced pitted ripe olives and guacamole. Makes 4 servings.

Beef 'N Brew

In 2-quart saucepan, combine 1 can (19 ounces) Campbell's, Chunky Old Fashioned Vegetable Beef Soup, 1 can (19 ounces) Chunky Steak 'N Potato Soup and ¼ cup beer. Heat over medium heat, stirring occasionally. Garnish with shredded Cheddar cheese. Makes 4½ cups or 4 servings.

Cajun Rice and Beans with Sausage

In a 10-inch skillet over medium heat, brown a ½ pound piece kielbasa that's cut in half. Remove kielbasa, drain on paper towels and reduce heat to low.

In drippings in skillet, cook ½ cup sliced green onion with 1 large crushed bay leaf and ½ teaspoon crushed dried thyme leaves until tender.

Stir in 1 can (19¼ ounces) Campbell's, Chunky Old Fashioned Bean 'N Ham



Soup, 1 cup cooked rice, ¼ teaspoon garlic powder, ½ teaspoon black pepper, and ½ teaspoon cayenne pepper. Pour mixture into 1-quart casserole. Arrange kielbasa on top; cover with foil. Bake at 350° F. for 20 minutes or until hot. Garnish with parsley. Makes 3 servings.

Tailgate Dippers 'N Sauce

In pie plate, combine 1 can (12 ounces) V-8, Vegetable Juice, 2 teaspoons Louisiana hot sauce, and ½ teaspoon pepper.

On a sheet of waxed paper, combine ¾ cup all-purpose flour and 1 tablespoon paprika. Coat 12 chicken drumsticks (about 2½ pounds) with flour mixture. Dip in "V-8" mixture and again the flour mixture; reserve remaining "V-8" mixture.

In 10-inch skillet over medium heat, heat ½-inch oil to 375° F.

Fry 6 drumsticks at a time until brown and tender (about 15 minutes), turning once. Drain on paper towels. Repeat with remaining drumsticks. Cover; refrigerate 4 hours or until chilled.

To make dipping sauce: In 1-quart saucepan over medium heat, cook reserved "V-8" mixture, stirring occasionally until thickened. Cover; refrigerate 4 hours or until chilled. Just before serving, stir in ¼ cup sour cream and 1 tablespoon crumbled blue cheese; serve with chicken. Makes 6 servings. Garnish with parsley and additional blue cheese.

Potato Frankfurter Chowder

Melt 2 tablespoons butter or margarine in a 1½-quart saucepan over medium heat. Brown 2 sliced frankfurters and cook ½ cup thinly sliced celery until tender.

Stir in 1 can (10½ ounces) Campbell's, Condensed Cream of Potato Soup, 1

soup can milk, and ½ teaspoon prepared mustard. Reduce heat to low and stir occasionally until warm. Makes 2½ cups or 3 servings.

Autumn Vegetable Marinade

Cut 1 large turnip, 1 large carrot, ½ large red pepper and ½ medium zucchini into 1½-inch matchstick-thin strips.

In 3-quart saucepan over medium heat, combine 1 can (12 ounces) V-8, Vegetable Juice, turnip, carrot, 1 tablespoon lemon juice, ¼ teaspoon each crushed dried basil and oregano leaves, and dash hot pepper sauce; heat to boiling, stirring occasionally. Reduce heat to low; cover and simmer 5 minutes.

Add red pepper and zucchini; simmer 5 minutes or until all vegetables are tender-crisp.

Transfer vegetable mixture to shallow dish. Cover; refrigerate at least 6 hours.

Serve on lettuce; garnish with red pepper rings. Makes 3½ cups or 4 servings.

Chili Cheese Dip

In a medium bowl with mixer at medium speed, gradually beat 1 can (11¼ ounces) Campbell's, Condensed Chili Beef Soup into 1 package (3 ounces) cream cheese softened until smooth.

Stir in 3 tablespoons finely chopped onion, 1 tablespoon finely chopped green pepper and ½ teaspoon hot pepper sauce. Cover; refrigerate at least 2 hours. Serve with crackers or chips. Makes 1½ cups.

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Fisherman-Style Chicken Soup

In 2-quart saucepan, combine 1 can (19 ounces) Campbell's Chunky New England Clam Chowder and 1 can (19 ounces) Campbell's Chunky Old Fashioned Chicken Soup. Stir occasionally

over medium heat and add a generous dash lemon juice. Makes about 4 servings.

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In a small saucepan stir 1 can (11 ounces) Campbell's Condensed Nacho Cheese Soup/Dip. Gradually stir in ¼ cup milk. Heat over medium heat stirring often.

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10-year tackle, and Karl Swanke, a seventh-year tackle/center, also return along with right guard Ron Hallstrom.

The Packer defense played some excellent games last season, shutting out Tampa Bay and limiting seven other teams to fewer than 21 points. In one three-game stretch against Chicago, Minnesota and New Orleans, the unit gave up only 47 points.

The area in which the Packers have improved most is the secondary. In the past three years, they've added Flynn, a ball-hawking free safety; Lewis, an excellent coverage man at cornerback; and former USFL stars Mossy Cade, a gifted strong safety, and corner Chuck Clanton, who intercepted 26 passes and returned four for touchdowns in the other league. Mark Murphy, the strong safety, and Mark Lee, the left corner, are still improving. Murphy had 58 solo tackles and three sacks last year.

The Packers also upgraded their linebacking unit with the addition of Noble, a fifth-round inside backer in the 1985 draft. Noble became a starter in the second game. He finished with 67 tackles, 37 assists and three sacks, and was voted the club's top rookie. Around him, the Packers started three vets: Anderson, Douglass and Randy Scott, a free-agent find in 1981 who led the team with 98 tackles.

When nose tackle Donnie Humphrey dropped from 318 pounds to 275 and began knocking people around, the Packers began winning more of the trench wars. Humphrey admitted himself to a drug rehabilitation center before the 1985 season. "I came through the drug program," he says. "Then there was the controversy of being too heavy. But the whole time I was going through this stuff, I never doubted myself as a person."

Neither did defensive coordinator Dick Modzelewski, who inspired Humphrey to make it back into the starting lineup. Left end Carreker, the club's No. 1 pick in 1984, had his best season. Right end Ezra Johnson, a 10-year vet, had 9½ sacks. Gregg is looking for end Mike Butler, a No. 1 pick in 1977 who jumped to the USFL, then jumped back, to improve the pass rush. He was a six-year starter but suffered a neck injury and had only two sacks last season.

The Packers' special teams fell off, especially in coverages (kickoff from 12th to 24th, allowing an 18.3-yard average, and punt from 16th to 18th, allowing an 8.9-yard average).

Green Bay switched punters, ending with Don Bracken, who had a 40.5-yard average. Kicker Al Del Greco, who got the job in mid-season two years ago, hit 19 of 26 field-goal tries, five from 40 yards or longer. In two seasons, Del Greco has made 28 of 38 in a cold-weather division where kickers go from domes to 20-degree weather.

This team has offensive speed and young



As far as Brian Noble (91) was concerned, pressure was for others, including Eric Dickerson (29).

defenders that could make it tough to score on. But it also has a quarterback problem that haunts Gregg.

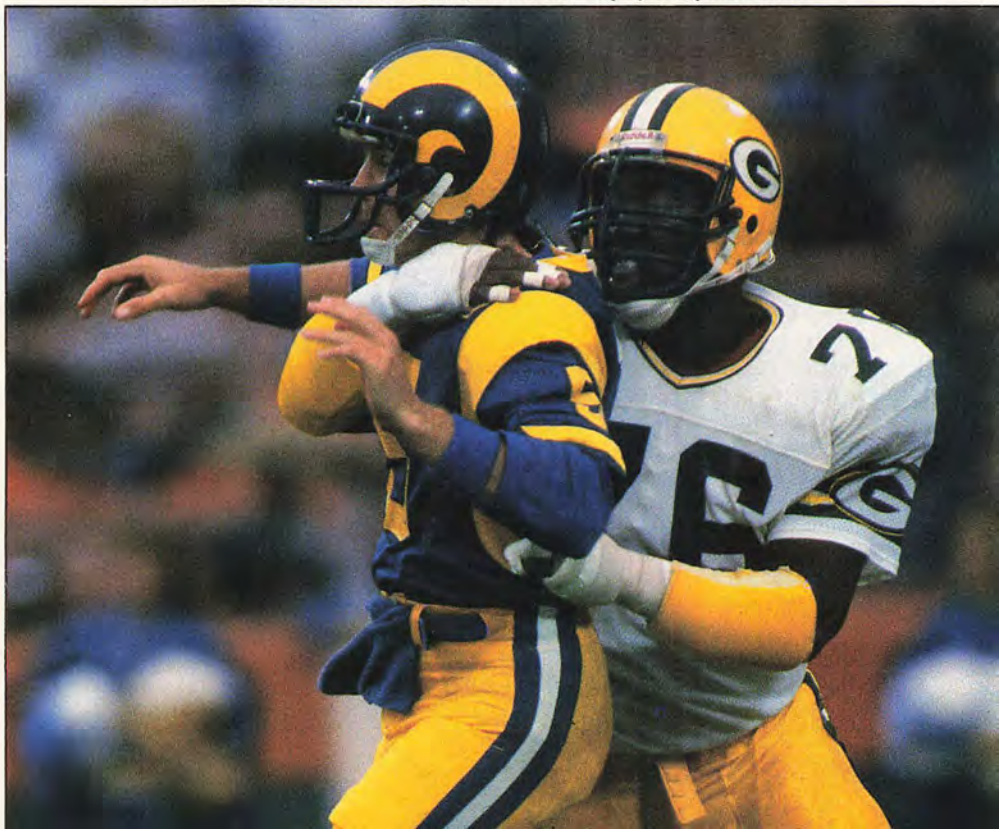
"I think we made a good move last year when we picked up Zorn," says Gregg. "He played well for us, considering that he didn't have much time to assimilate our offense before we started him. To play as well as he did was a real credit to him. We were also able to

acquire Ferragamo late in the season. He has a chance to contribute. And I can say the same for Robbie Bosco, our third-round draft choice."

Dickey... Zorn... Wright... Ferragamo... Bosco. The Packers will try them all in training camp. If Gregg gets lucky, one will stand out, and the Pack will enter the season with a degree of stability.

END

The only way Alphonso Carreker (76) knows how to play is at full throttle.





On pass plays, the quarterback always has in the back of his mind the disturbing thought that No. 76 (Bucs nose tackle Dave Logan) is in the vicinity.

(Tampa Bay continued)

Young's targets include split end Kevin House, who has outstanding speed; flanker Gerald Carter; tight end Jimmie Giles and his alternate, Jerry Bell; and Wilder. House caught 44 passes for 803 yards and five touchdowns, down from his 76-catch, 1,005-yard performance in 1984. Carter isn't as fast but has enough moves to get open. Giles and Bell combined for 86 catches and 10 touchdowns. Giles earned a Pro Bowl trip.

When Bennett deploys a two-back attack, it will mean the end of the double-tight end alignment and, presumably, more opportunities for House and Carter to get open on deep routes.

Behind Wilder, the Bucs used three ex-Dallas Cowboys, all fullbacks: Ron Springs, Adger Armstrong and George Peoples. They did more blocking than running.

The defense, once one of the best in the National Conference, fell to 26th last year, giving up 448 points and 28 rushing touchdowns, most in the NFL. The Bucs allowed 63 percent completions on pass defense while getting 35 sacks, 25th in the league. Nose tackle Dave Logan, who isn't big (6-2, 250) but has terrific strength and quickness, led the

defense with 6½ sacks. Rookie Ron Holmes at right end and John Cannon on the left had 24 and 26 quarterback pressures and showed fine potential as rushers. Bennett used rookie Ervin Randle at left outside linebacker and second-year Chris Washington at right outside linebacker after Green left. But his best backer was Jeff Davis, a squat six-footer, who averaged eight tackles a game.

"We need help, but it has to be more than just a quick fix."

The secondary intercepted only 14 passes, seven by left cornerback Jeremiah Castille, a pesky 175-pounder. With Castille, ex-USFL all-star safety David Greenwood and corner John Holt all showing promise, the secondary could improve. But it won't happen unless the Bucs upgrade their pass rush or find a blitzing scheme featuring Davis and Washington.

The Bucs must also work on coverages. Opponents averaged 11 yards on punt returns

(23rd in the NFL) and 23.3 yards on kickoff returns (24th), returning four for touchdowns. Rookie Don Igwebuike booted 22 of 32 field-goal tries (three of 50 or more yards) but missed seven between 35 and 48 yards. Punter Frank Garcia averaged 42 yards, seventh in the NFC, despite having two kicks blocked.

The two-back offense, which Bennett prefers for its versatility, will offer Young more protection from the imaginative blitzes that defenses are turning loose.

"I don't think Steve is close to where he can be," said Grimes late last season. "He never loses his composure, no matter what happens." Says Heller: "It was exciting with him in the game. He makes you work harder."

Obviously, Young's teammates believe in him. But it is going to take some shrewd drafts, dedication and victories (this was their third straight losing season) before the young Bucs begin to believe in themselves.

"No one here is satisfied with 2-14," says Bennett, understating. "We need help, but it has to be more than just a quick fix. We want something more lasting."

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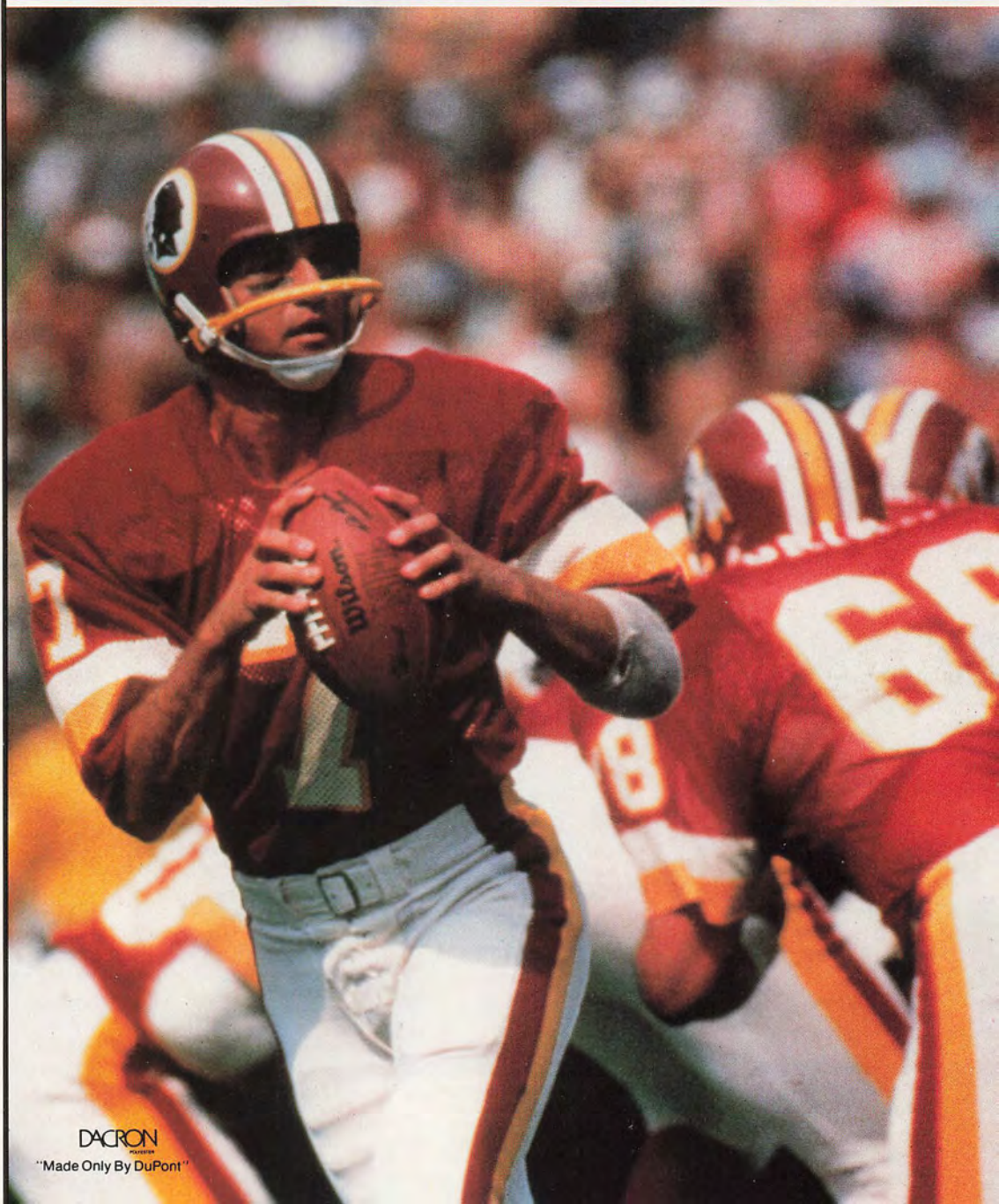
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Bruce Clark (75) and Jack Del Rio (50) will bring smiles to new Saints Coach Jim Mora.

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catches for 652 yards. Halfback Wilson was second with 38 receptions, and John Tice, Brenner's backup, added 24.

Which tells you that New Orleans must throw more to its wide receivers to present a balanced attack. Rookie Eric Martin was the most productive, catching 35 for 522 yards and four touchdowns. Fellow wide-out Eugene Goodlow managed 32 catches.

Much of the problem with the passing game was the lack of protection provided by the line. The quarterbacks were sacked 58 times, and Mora has made it clear that no starting jobs are secure. Jim Rourke and Stan Brock return at tackle but will get competition from Dombrowski as well as veterans Daren Gilbert and Dave Lafary. Brad Edelman and Ralph Williams were the starting guards on the final '85 depth chart and will likely retain their jobs unless backup Adam Schreiber improves. Steve Korte returns at center, backed up by Joel Hilgenberg.

If the offense can improve its point production, New Orleans' stock could take a measurable rise. The defense ranked 24th overall, but the Saints' coaches think that it will improve.

While Jackson was having his Pro Bowl season, rookie inside linebacker Jack Del Rio was tying a club record with five fumble recoveries (two for touchdowns) and was in on 68 tackles. He'll again work inside next to Glen Redd, who led the team in tackles with 112. James Haynes will handle the right outside linebacker chores. Lending reserve strength will be Whitney Paul, Alvin Toles and Scott Pelluer, who underwent arthroscopic surgery in January.

Bruce Clark, who had 8½ sacks and 66 tackles last year, returns at one defensive end while Jim Wilks works the opposite side. Frank Warren (5½ sacks) and James Geathers (6½) will provide backup help.

Left corner Dave Waymer led the secondary in interceptions last year with six (three in the Philadelphia game), while strong safety Terry Hoage managed four and right cornerback Johnnie Poe picked off three. Frank Wattalet was busy at free safety, getting in on 101 tackles and intercepting two passes. Backup cornerback Willie Tullis also had two interceptions. Mora hopes depth problems can be resolved by Earl Johnson and Brett Maxie.

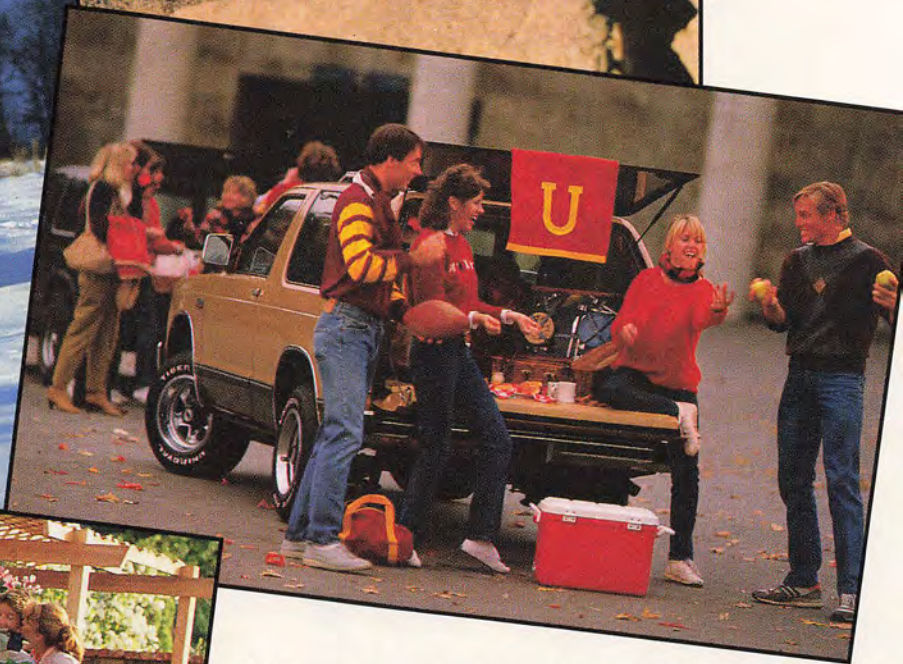
Tullis also proved his value as a return man, handling 17 punts and averaging 8.3 yards per return. He returned 23 kickoffs for a 20.9-yard average. The presence of Pro Bowler Andersen and punter Brian Hansen (42.3-yard average on 89 punts) makes the kicking game one of the few problem-free areas.

Mora admits the Saints are not ready to make a serious run at San Francisco and Los Angeles, but the rookie crop is cause for optimism. If the offensive line and the running game improve, New Orleans could take steps in the right direction.

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The Fridge

He Warmed Our Hearts

by Dave Kindred

At first, I didn't like The Fridge. It was nothing personal. I just didn't like the idea. I mean, on our office wall two summers ago, we had a life-size poster of William Perry. Clemson University mailed it out as Heisman Trophy propaganda. One look at the poster told you this guy was a junk food disaster area. His stomach stuck out under an orange jersey too short to cover the vast expanse of him. Talk about your fat tubs of goo. Perry's belly looked like a tire off an earthmover.

To the astonishment of most, the Bears drafted him No. 1. Even the Bears' defensive coach called it a wasted draft choice. I had seen Perry in college being shoved all over the field. I had seen this blimp/fraud fall kersplat, a beached whale bloated on hype. An All-American? Come on. The Heisman? You should be shot.

I was in a bar the night it happened. The Missouri Bar & Grill in St. Louis has great cheeseburgers. The beer never stops. They have a hose to the Budweiser factory, I think. I was in town for the World Series, so, as always, we sportswriters gathered at the MB&G to do research. This was a Monday night. I can still hear the ABC boys laughing.

The MB&G's television sits up high. It is a little-bitty thing, not one of those movie screen deals. But even from back by the jukebox, I could see that George Cumby would never be the same. George Cumby is a linebacker for the Packers. The Bears had put The Fridge in at running back again.

That was what bothered me to start with. The brain, Mike Ditka, put an all-whale freak wearing No. 72 into the same backfield with Walter Payton. How could he? The circus doesn't play in the Sistine Chapel. C'mon, Ditka. Cut it out.

The week before, Ditka evened an old score. The 49ers had beaten the Bears in the 1984 NFC championship game. The coach who would be a genius, Mr. Bill Walsh, used Guy McIntyre, a 264-pound guard, in the backfield that day. Ditka is easily offended. This did it. This smacked of rubbing it in. A guard in the backfield?

So, in the sixth week of the 1985 season, with the Bears whipping up on the 49ers something fierce, Ditka sent The Fridge in on offense. McIntyre hadn't touched the ball. The Fridge carried twice. He got two yards each time. And that was that, I figured. Ditka had the last laugh. The Fridge would go back to fatty oblivion.

Wrong. The next Monday, in the hallowed MB&G, I squinted at the distant tiny TV after hearing one of the ABC giggleboxes cry out, "Oh my, oh my, my heavens, look at THAT,

didja see that block, he knocked poor ol' Cumby halfway to Jupiter's nearest moon." Something like that.

The replay showed that The Fridge made a block on Cumby at the goal line to open a walk-in touchdown path for Payton. Let's be fair. It was more than a block. This is where I began to like The Fridge. That was no block. A block is what regular guys do. This was more than that. This was big. This could be a song. There's a book in this. Maybe a movie. This was no block by a regular guy. Here's The Fridge, 300-and-some pounds, and he's quick out of the blocks and he's in better shape than at Clemson, 20 or 30 pounds lighter, and he gets a running start at poor old George Cumby. He knocked Cumby past the outer moons of Jupiter.

Right out the back of the end zone Cumby went. Now, you don't see this sort of thing much. You read about irresistible forces. But that's mainly hot dog prose from sportswriters who do too much research at the MB&G. Among pro football players, everybody is pretty much the same. There is no irresistible force.

Or wasn't. On this Monday night, the seventh game of the Bears' 1985 season, William Perry not only blocked for two Payton touchdowns, The Fridge also scored one, doing a kind of dive into the end zone.

"Looked like Marcus Allen diving in," an ABCer screamed, and if The Fridge's dive really looked more like a tow-in wrecker sail-

ing off the end of a drawbridge, no matter. We would never hear the end of this. This was bigger than all of us. They might as well have called off the World Series. A Chicago sportswriter in the MB&G muttered into his beer, "What the hell am I doing here when The Fridge is there?"

And it only got better. What a year for the Bears. What a year for The Fridge. What a year to be fat. Soon enough, The Fridge caught a touchdown pass. And people were calling up people at Clemson to find out if they had always known this. "He practiced at running back for us," said Tom Harper, a Clemson assistant coach. "He was our best passer. And our best punter, too. And would have been our best runner. Yes, sir, he could do anything, old GE."

William Perry, the day he was born in Aiken, S.C., weighed 13½ pounds. "I was big even when I was little," he said. Every time The Fridge said something sweet like that, he gave you that goofy grin with the missing front tooth. Hey, he didn't know this star thing was going to happen. Nobody ever put him in the backfield for real. Next thing he knew, the season not even over yet, Chicago sportswriter Brian Hewitt had a book out: *The Refrigerator & The Monsters of the Midway*.

In the book, Inez Perry, William's mother, says here is what she would make for a typical dinner for her son and her 11 other children:

Four chickens.

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William Perry, alias The Fridge, held our attention as he became one of America's favorite personalities.



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A hamburger dish, seven pounds of ground beef with 4½ pounds of macaroni.

A great big pot of collard greens.

Two loaves of bread.

A pound and a half of butter.

Iced tea by the bucket.

Milk, one gallon.

However many cakes William wanted to make on his own.

So by the time he began high school, The Fridge weighed 240 pounds. It was 285 when he reported to Clemson, where he filled up the doorway to his dorm room, causing his new roommate, Ray Brown, to suck in his breath. Brown said, "You're as big as a refrigerator. I'm going to call you 'GE.'"

Inez Perry took no guff from her children.

She ran a ship so tight that William Perry never missed a day of school. "It didn't matter if I was sick, I still put my pants on regardless," he said. Inez must have kept her children happy, too, because that's what makes you like The Fridge. He's happy. You can tell because he shares it, and you feel good along with him. Look at that goofy grin of his. One front tooth missing. Perfect. And that silly little huh-huh-huh chuckle/laugh.

I came to like The Fridge, the guy and the idea, especially when he said of the extraordinary hullabaloo, "I can't believe all of it. That's me on TV. Me. My wife, Sherry, and me, we laugh."

You gotta love the guy. Or do you? Some people don't love anything. They look at The

Fridge and say he can do one thing well. He falls on folks. For this, they ask, he is on the cover of *Time*? Why does David Letterman want this whale who's stealing Payton's ink? For being fat, he's a star?

Of course not. The Fridge is very strong. He also is very fast for two or three seconds. These attributes well serve locomotives and linemen. Still, The Fridge's touchdown in the Super Bowl, from six inches away with a 37-3 lead, could have been scored by six jillion running backs, including Michael Jackson moonwalking.

Yet we see The Fridge in a full-page ad in *The New York Times*. There's that goofy grin. He is plugging a stock brokerage. And here he comes ordering a case of Coca-Cola. Over here he is eating most every hamburger made by McDonald's. Carl Lewis won four gold medals in the Olympics and couldn't sell parkas to Eskimos. But The Fridge falls on folks and people throw money at him, saying, "Here, take it, I don't want it, just grin goofy for us."

That's it right there. Start with the goofy grin. It's goofy in a way that's soft and warm. It's gap-toothed and honest. William Perry is having the time of his life. If Carl Lewis came off as a packaged conniver plotting his plunder of American wealth, The Fridge is a delightful accident of nature, personality and circumstance.

Comes the Super Bowl. By then a regular in the defensive line—no longer a wasted draft pick—Perry weighed 308 pounds. This, in the scowling Matuszak configuration, can be scary. The Fridge is an endearing arrangement of love handles and smiles, a Santa Claus in shoulder pads. What he is not is standard NFL manufacture. And that, too, is part of it. He is one of us. Or maybe two of us.

So he is at once unique and Everyman, a human being laughing among the bloodless clones of the NFL. "What happened early this year," Ditka said Super Bowl week, "was incredible. So everybody made a hero out of him. We had to think up things to do to keep the image going, and it was tough. But I don't think there's any glitter in his eyes. He's probably not sure himself what's going on."

If the 20th Super Bowl is remembered for anything besides the Bears' overwhelming victory, it may be for The Fridge's little touchdown run. He ironed flat a linebacker. There also was the delicious moment when The Fridge rolled out of the backfield and looked to throw a pass into the end zone.

Yes, even with the game young, a 3-all tie, the Bears let The Fridge roll out like a two-ton Tarkenton or something. But the receiver wasn't open, and The Fridge was sacked for a one-yard loss.

"I wish I could have got the pass off," William Perry said, "but maybe Coach Ditka will give me a chance to do it next year."

Pretty please.

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He is a product of the American work ethic. His father has labored a lifetime in the Pittsburgh steel mills where men work at a backbreaking pace, then play just as hard on their time off. The only time his father didn't report to the mills was during the Korean War, when he was away, getting shot down by enemy fire on three occasions, and when layoffs and strikes interfered.

His mother has waited tables at the Oakmont Country Club for fifteen years.

Such was the environment where Atlanta Falcons offensive guard Bill Fralic grew to manhood. He heard sermons about hard work, honesty and dedication to making one's self into the best one can be.

Viewed by some as a bank-breaking sum to pay an offensive lineman, Falcon officials now look on the negotiations as if they were a Bargain Day.

Fralic took the lessons to heart. Looking ahead to his second season in the NFL, he is already being touted as one of the finest linemen to play the game.

He's been hearing high praise since schoolboy days at Penn Hills High, where he was an All-American. His reputation grew at the University of Pittsburgh. He moved into the starting lineup as a freshman and made All-America three years. At the end of his college career, Fralic finished sixth in the race for the Heisman Trophy and became only the fourth Pitt player to have his jersey retired (along with Tony Dorsett, Hugh Green and Dan Marino). He was the second player selected in the 1985 college player draft.

He also learned to drive a hard bargain. Aware of his abilities, he held out well into the summer, even threatening to turn to professional wrestling if the Falcons did not make what he considered a fair offer. What resulted was a reported \$2.25 million contract stretched over a four-year period. The elder Fralic, who earns \$70 a day in the mills, told his son not to bother taking a plane to Atlanta. "I told him to run all the way," he says.

Viewed by some as a bank-breaking sum to pay an offensive lineman, Falcon officials now look on the negotiations as if they were a Bargain Day. Despite elbow and neck injuries which slowed his progress, Fralic started 14 of 16 regular-season games and earned NFL Rookie of the Year honors.

"The guy was incredible," said Chicago Bears defensive tackle Steve McMichael after viewing films of the Atlanta-Washington game. "He's the first person I've ever seen stand Dave Butz (the Redskins' 6-7, 295-pound All-Pro tackle) up and bend him back."

"He'll be one of the great offensive linemen in another year or two," adds Bears defensive end Dan Hampton.

The Falcons' staff likes to refer to the game against Dallas when Fralic drove the Cowboys' 6-7, 270-pound John Dutton back three yards, pushed him sideways another seven, then lifted him from the ground and slammed him to the turf. "He did that several times," says offensive line coach Larry Beightol.

NFL officials have yet to come up with statistics that demonstrate the effectiveness of offensive linemen. It should be noted, however, that much of the success of Falcons running back Gerald Riggs (who led the NFC in rushing with a team-record 1,719 yards) can be traced to Fralic. "Most of our running game was behind Fralic and (right tackle) Brett Miller," says Beightol. "I'd bet 1000 of Riggs' yards came on the right side of our line. That is a significant statistic."

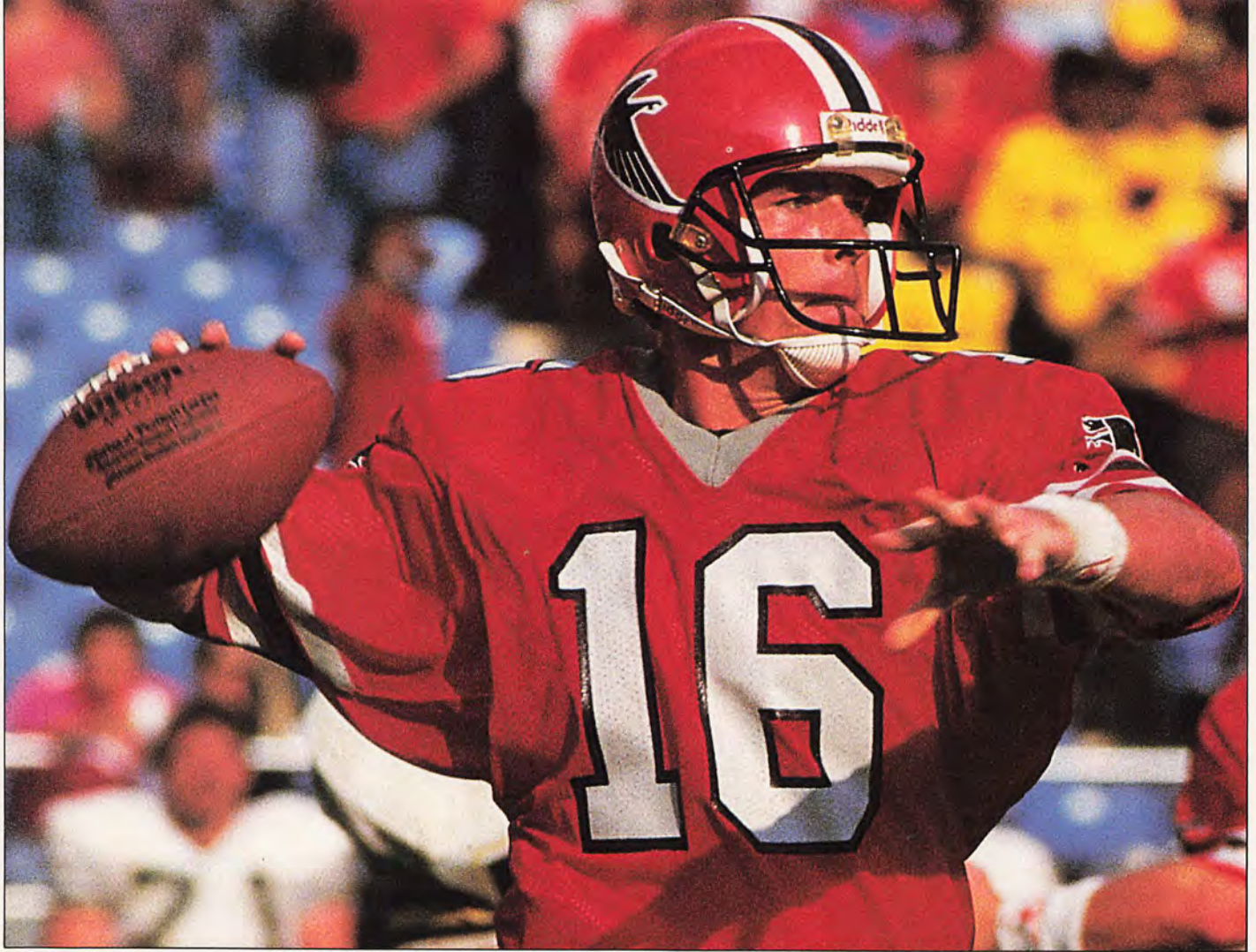
That also speaks highly for the transition Fralic made when he arrived in the Falcons' camp last summer. A tackle throughout his collegiate career, he was moved to guard.

"Changing positions didn't bother me," he says. "Some people make a big deal out of the differences between tackle and guard. What it boils down to is that everyone on the line has to block, pure and simple."

After such an excellent rookie season, why was Fralic not smiling at season's end?

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Dave Archer is aware that improvement in the passing game is the Falcons' chief offensive priority.

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The answer is Atlanta's disappointing 4-12 record, he says. "That part of it wasn't fun. There's no way it can be enjoyable when you go out there week after week and put in all that work and not get the reward you're after. It's hard to swallow. However, you don't have any option but to keep working and believing it will turn around."

As long as Riggs is healthy and running strong there is reason to feel the Falcons offense will do damage to NFC West opponents. And there is talent on the defensive front.

To erase grim reminders of '85, however, the medical report will have to improve. Last year 21 players missed an aggregate of 163 games, an average of nearly eight games per player. Nine starters missed at least a third of the campaign. The result was a constant turnover of personnel.

Coach Dan Henning is hoping that good health, supplemented by a solid draft and the acquisition of quarterback Turk Schonert from Cincinnati will signal an upswing in Falcon fortunes.

Despite the disappointment of last season, there were signs to indicate better days on the horizon. Riggs emerged as one of the NFL's best running backs. He probably would have

claimed the league rushing title had it not been for a knee sprain that forced him out of the second half of the Minnesota game. As it was, the Raiders' Marcus Allen beat him by just 40 yards.

Even Allen's teammates were impressed with Riggs' performance. "For a guy to get 1,700 yards on a 4-12 team is incredible," says Howie Long.

Henning agrees: "Gerald has become a total back for us," he says. "He now runs with authority and control and is an excellent receiver and blocker as well." Additionally, Riggs went the entire season (397 carries and 33 receptions) without fumbling.

It is obvious that Henning's rushing game is on the shoulders of the 6-1, 232-pound Riggs, who stepped in after veteran William Andrews was forced out with knee problems. But backup Joe Washington proved a reliable reserve in the few appearances he made (rushing 52 times for a four-yard average). Washington also was impressive as a receiver, catching 37 for 328 yards.

Though quarterback Dave Archer threw for 1,992 yards, he managed only seven touchdowns and gave up 17 interceptions. Reserve quarterback Robert Holly was injured in an automobile accident in the off-season and

underwent surgery for a ruptured spleen.

Improvement in the passing game is essential if the Falcons' offense is to reach the championship-contending level. Fleet wide receiver Billy Johnson led the team in catches with 62 for 830 yards. Tight end Arthur Cox was on the receiving end of 33 for 454. Charlie Brown caught 24 and Stacey Bailey 30.

The strength of the offensive line will again be Fralic and Miller on the right side and Jeff Van Note at center. Eric Sanders and Jeff Kiewel return at left tackle and guard, and help could return from the injured reserve list. Guard John Scully, tackle Mike Kenn and center Brent Martin are expected to report healthy. Second-year man Chuck Thomas could see more playing time at guard. Wayne Radloff lends backup strength at tackle.

For the offense to gain balance and consistency, the line will have to improve the pass protection. Falcon quarterbacks were sacked 69 times in '85.

"We hope to put a unit on the field that will stay intact," says Henning. "If we can do that and avoid the injuries we've had the last couple of years, we can develop a strong offense."

The defense ranked 25th in the league. Although Atlanta made 42 sacks (just five shy of the club record), defense against the pass

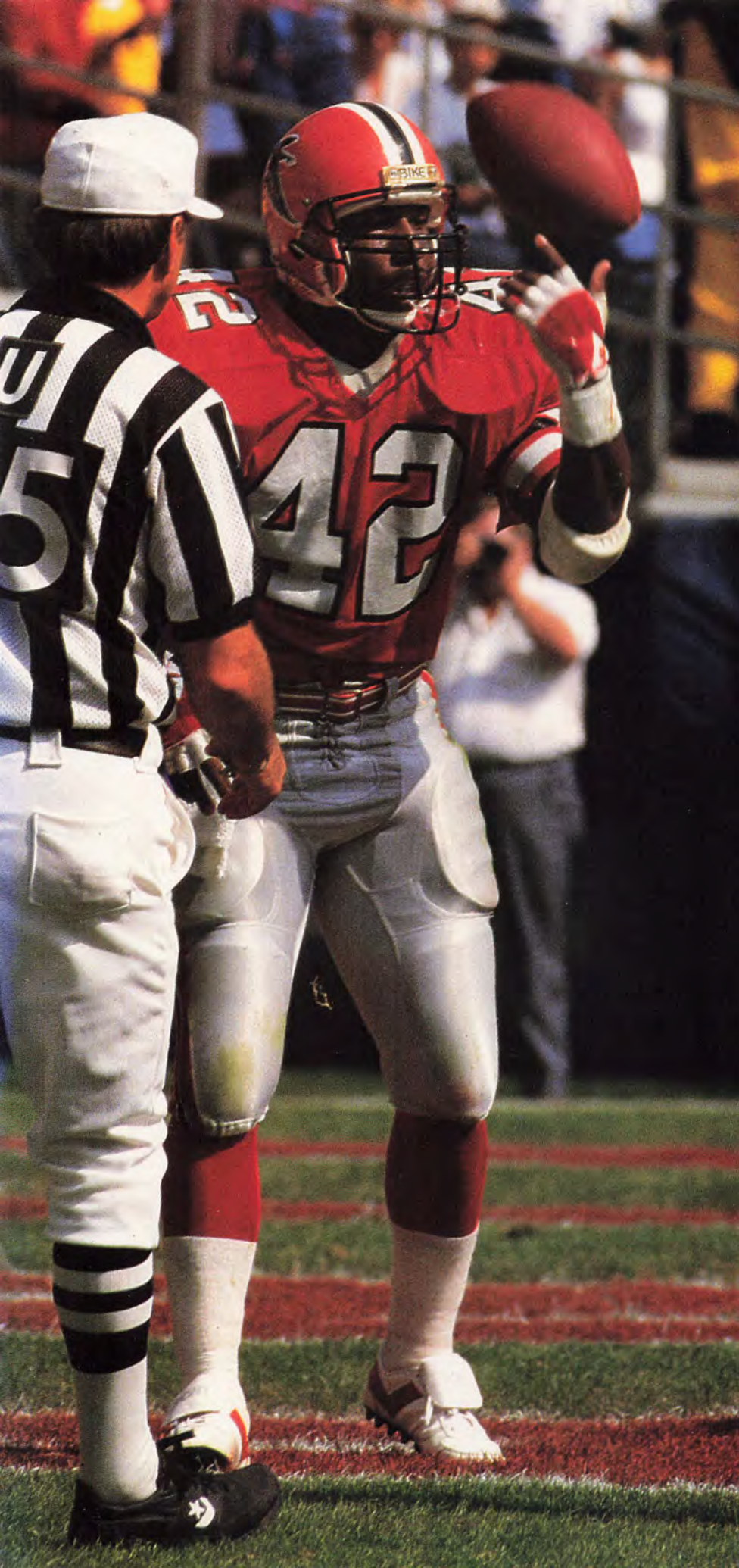
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The way Gerald Riggs (1,719 yards in '85) hits takes the fun out of life for the defense.

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must improve over last year's 27th-place finish.

Middle linebacker Buddy Curry led the team in tackles for the sixth straight year (137). Rounding out the linebacking unit will be John Rade (97 tackles) on the left and Al Richardson (80 tackles) on the right. If Rydell Malancon returns from a knee injury, and backups like Johnny Taylor, Ronnie Washington, David Frye and Thomas Benson continue to improve, depth will be no problem. There is also the promise of rookie Tim Green, the Syracuse inside linebacker who many say will be an instant NFL star.

Upfront, Rick Bryan, who managed 7½ sacks from his left end spot, and Mike Pitts, who collected the same number from left tackle, lead the way. Dan Benish is back at right tackle. Second-year starter Mike Gann will return at right end. Willard Goff, a rookie last year, and Andrew Provence provide depth.

"If we can keep our veterans healthy and some of the rookies come through, things are going to get better."

Somewhere, however, there has to be room for the Falcons' No. 1 draft pick, Tony Casillas of Oklahoma. Because of him, new defensive coordinator Marion Campbell, formerly the Philadelphia Eagles' head coach, has announced plans to concentrate on a 3-4 defense.

Left cornerback Bobby Butler led the secondary with five interceptions. Safety Scott Case had four and rookie cornerback Wendell Cason managed three. Additional secondary candidates are safeties Tom Pridemore, Danny Wagoner, Kenny Johnson and Sean Thomas, and cornerbacks David Croudip and two veterans returning from injured reserve, John Ayers and James Britt.

Mick Luckhurst returns to handle the kicking duties after leading the team in scoring with 101 points (24 of 31 field-goal tries, 29 of 29 extra points). Ralph Giacomarro (39.9-yard average) and Rick Donnelly (43.6-yard average before suffering a knee injury) will battle for the punting job.

Anthony Allen and Billy Johnson are again available to return punts, while Sylvester Stamps, who averaged 22.3 yards on four returns, and running back Cliff Austin, impressive before being injured, will handle kick returns.

"Everyone was disappointed in last season," Henning says. "But I think we can build from what we went through. We were one of the youngest teams in the league—our final roster had an average age of 25.4 years—and we had 12 first-year players. If we can keep our veterans healthy and some of the rookies come through, things are going to get better."

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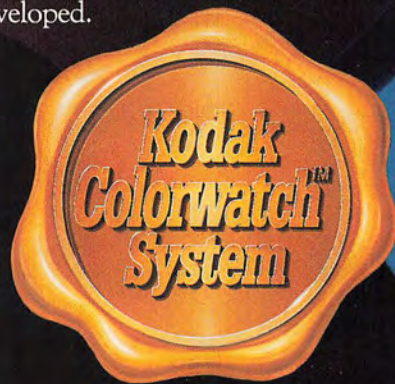
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The axiom suggests that if something isn't broken, don't try to fix it. On the other hand, is it smart to delay the inevitable?

The Dallas Cowboys have been pondering that aphorism. On one hand, there was their NFC Eastern Division title last fall. But along the way there were embarrassing defeats, capped by a 20-0 flop against the Los Angeles Rams in the playoffs.

President and General Manager Tex Schramm decided it was time for an overhaul. Not a major one, maybe. Closer to preventive maintenance.

Since the end of the 1985 season the Cowboys have:

1. Hired former San Francisco assistant Paul Hackett as offensive coordinator with the responsibility of bringing fresh ideas and breathing new life into the Dallas attack.

In Dallas, where stability has long been the watchword, it's the closest they've gotten to a turnover. Still, the moves are a drastic departure from Cowboy ways.

2. Assigned relatively obscure Vice President Joe Bailey to the job of negotiating player contracts.

3. Begun the search for a pro personnel director who will take some of the load from Vice President Gil Brandt, freeing him to give more attention to the search for much-needed player talent.

4. Moved assistant coach Dick Nolan from offense to defense, where he will fill the secondary coaching position formerly occupied by Gene Stallings, new St. Louis Cardinals coach.

5. Begun looking for an offensive line coach to replace veteran aide Jim Myers when he retires at the end of the 1986 season.

In some NFL camps, all that would be considered standard operating procedure. But in Dallas, where stability has long been the watchword, it's the closest they've gotten to a turnover.

Still, the moves are a drastic departure from Cowboy ways. The only offensive coordinator they've ever really had has been Coach Tom Landry. Brandt has handled signings, negotiations and scouting organization since Day One of the franchise.

"When you've had the success we've had over the years, you are reluctant to make dramatic changes," Schramm says. "On the other hand, like any business, you have to use good judgment to determine when something isn't working right and make changes before it is broken. There is a bit of both in what we're doing.

"I've had to look at our organization, see if it still functions efficiently and do things to keep pace with the opposition. We're going to have a little overhaul and frankly, I think it's healthy."

It could produce improvement.

The most dramatic change is the hiring of an offensive coordinator. Or, to be more accurate, creating the position. Throughout the team's history, Landry has directed the attack, including calling plays from the sidelines. In a sense, then, it was Landry who stepped forward with the admission that some changes were in order.

The arrival of Hackett, who some feel is the premier passing technician in the NFL, signals a public admission that the offense has tired. The snap, crackle and pop that once were the trademark of Landry's multiple-set attack hasn't been in evidence since the Roger Staubach days. And that's not to say it was all Staubach. In recent years, the Cowboys have become predictable. The offense hasn't been of championship caliber.

The Cowboys will attempt to rebound with a ball-control passing game.

"Our guys did a great job winning the NFC East," Landry says. "But we need help. I'm going to rely on Paul a great deal to put together the passing offense."

Landry has even suggested that Hackett may call the plays next fall.

"I'm very flexible," claims Landry. "All I'm interested in is the success of our team.

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In Dallas, they expect Cowboy Randy White (54) to ride herd on folks—so does Eric Dickerson.

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Paul will bring new ideas, and if we can improve our offense 10 percent, it could mean success in the playoffs. We're trying to get back to the top."

Some viewed Schramm's announcement that Bailey would negotiate contracts and that a new man would handle matters like trades and free-agent signings as the first crack in the fabled Schramm-Landry-Brandt triumvirate. Brandt was often blamed for recent draft failures. Schramm removed him from that spotlight, and, it's assumed, dropped him a notch.

Not so, says Schramm. Adding a pro personnel director and shifting negotiating responsibility to Bailey will simply allow Brandt more time to do what he does best: judge and select talent. No demotion in that, Schramm says.

"I'm pleased with the arrangement," Brandt says. "I've got one less thing to do. I'll have time to improve draft choices, which we have to do to become a Super Bowl team again."

Bailey has worked his way up through the Dallas organization, from scout to business manager to vice president in charge of administration. He has heard his name mentioned as a possible general manager by other pro teams.

"I'm looking forward to negotiating contracts," Bailey says. "It's an opportunity to become more involved with the players. I hope what I do will have a positive effect on the field."

Then there are the coaching changes. With the arrival of Hackett, quarterback coach Jim Shofner was reassigned to the duties of "special assistant," a switch which he clearly didn't appreciate. Shofner immediately turned in his

resignation to accompany Stallings to St. Louis.

Stallings' position will be filled by Dick Nolan, who had been receivers coach. Nolan, a former defensive back, will again be working in his area of expertise.

Schramm hints that he's not through re-vamping. The ages of people being dealt new responsibility—Hackett is 39, Bailey 40—suggest long-term plans. Perhaps Hackett will eventually replace Landry. Bailey could ascend to Schramm's post.

In the meantime, Dallas must play football.

It's been eight years since the Cowboys played in the Super Bowl. While some still refer to them as "America's Team," others point to blowouts suffered at the hands of Chicago (44-0), Cincinnati (50-24) and the Rams as proof that the title no longer fits.

Not that the Cowboys have turned into losers. They finished the '85 season with a 10-6 record. That was, however, just one win better than a year earlier when they couldn't buy their way into the playoffs, even on a wild-card ticket.

Clearly, they need fresh talent to lift them above mediocrity.

"There is no question that we need new faces," says Landry.

How many? Just a couple of talented skill players could be the difference. A speedy wide receiver would be an asset, as would a running back who could relieve veteran 1000-yard runner Tony Dorsett, who has rushed for 10,832 yards in his first nine seasons as a Cowboy. "Right now," Landry admits, "our of-

fense revolves around Tony. He's had a remarkable career and is the best running back of his size I've ever seen. But we need to find someone to back him up. If he goes down, we're sunk.

"For our passing game to develop, we've got to have a receiver who is a deep threat."

Which means that Pro Bowl wide receiver Tony Hill is no longer considered a long-ball threat, despite making a career-high 74 catches for 1,113 yards in '85.

Like Mike Renfro, he is viewed as a possession-type receiver. Hill is criticized for his weight and his hesitance to catch in a crowd; without him intimidating defenders, the passing game has been much easier to defense in recent years. Consequently, the average points per game have dwindled.

Wide receiver Karl Powe could follow a promising rookie year (16.9-yard average) to put new life into the passing attack. The limited roster of targets also includes Pro Bowl tight end Doug Cosbie, who is operating on fragile knees and considering retirement.

Possibly because of the talent available, Hackett has already begun touting a possession-style passing game.

For that to be successful, however, the ground game must improve. Timmy Newsome inherited the fullback job after Ron Springs was traded but was used sparingly. Landry is mentioning him as a possibility at tight end, indicating that the backfield is unsettled. Veteran running back James Jones came back from a series of knee operations and was used as a third-down receiver much of the year, but he failed to catch a single pass in the last six games. Hackett and Landry are hoping second-year backs Todd Fowler or Robert Lavette will provide help.

The Cowboys have an insufficiency of skill players, but there are other problems.

The offensive line has been the target of considerable criticism. Offensive football operates on the domino principle. If one thing breaks down, everything does.

Two years ago, the line suffered a series of injuries. At one point the Cowboys went into a game with a front of offensive guards. It was assumed that a healthy group would rebound, but none of the offensive linemen made even honorable mention All-Pro in 1985. Quarterback Danny White was bruised and battered more than ever, and 100-yard games for Dorsett were rare.

With candidates like guards Brian Baldinger, Broderick Thompson and Crawford Ker, tackle Chris Schultz and center Mark Tuine challenging veteran tackles Jim Cooper and Phil Pozderac, center Tom Rafferty and guards Glen Titensor and Howard Richards, improvement seems possible. Baldinger and Ker, both coming off injuries, could develop into stars.

The quarterback they will be protecting will be White. The distractions of a quarterback

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The cliches have dogged him since he began playing peewee football in Fort Bragg, N.C. They followed him through high school, in college at Syracuse, and finally into the NFL.

Joe Morris stands only 5-7 and weighs 195 pounds, too small for a game designed for big men. Now preparing for his fifth season as a member of the New York Giants, Morris still hears criticisms. And he continues to ignore them, running past more physically imposing defenders to record-setting performances.

Consider his portfolio: former Syracuse Coach Frank Maloney offered the diminutive Morris a scholarship to play for the Orangemen. Morris responded by rushing for 4,299 yards, erasing the school records of such legendary backs as Jim Brown, Larry Csonka and Floyd Little.

The Giants made him a second-round draft choice in 1982, and long-suffering New York critics howled. Having picked Michigan's Butch Woolfolk first, the running back woes appeared solved. Why waste a second pick on a back who looked like a midget punt returner?

For the next two seasons it appeared the question had merit. Laboring in Woolfolk's shadow, Morris did little to distinguish himself. It wasn't until Woolfolk was injured midway through the '84 season that Morris got the chance to silence the critics. In the last eight games, Joe rushed for 510 yards on 133 carries. People began to forget his size and pay more attention to his productivity.

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In '85, it was Morris who was called on to make the Giants' running game go. He responded with seven 100-yard days, including a 202-yard performance against the Pittsburgh Steelers in the final regular-season game. That victory lifted New York to a wild-card spot in the playoffs.

With a 141-yard effort in the 17-3 playoff victory over the 49ers and an invitation to the Pro Bowl, talk of Morris' size quieted. "Hey, I'm suddenly tall," he said after his record-setting day against the Steelers.

The long-downtrodden Giants are now viewed as one of the teams to beat for the NFC East title. With a runner who managed 4.5 yards per carry, while accumulating 1,336 yards and 21 touchdowns, they finally resolved a problem of balance in their offense.

Morris says that size was not the problem as he struggled to earn his place in the attack. "When Butch was still the starter, I was trying too hard to prove myself," he says. "I was too uptight. But when he was injured, I knew I was going to play. Knowing that, I relaxed. And in each game I played I felt more confident.

"In time that confidence began to rub off on the others. They began to feel I could get the job done. That's when things began to click. Success feeds on success. It may sound simple, but that's what winning football is all about."

With new confidence in the running game, the Giants' offense has achieved the balance that Coach Bill Parcells has been looking for. "This team has become far more competitive in the last couple of years," he says. "You don't see players getting discouraged. They fight back because there's a lot of unity."

"The difference in this team two years ago and last year is the running game," says quarterback Phil Simms. "And you don't have to look very far to find the guy who has gained the yards. There's no doubt that Joe is as good a back as the Giants have had in a long time. But the blocking can't be overlooked. With our halfbacks now carrying the ball most of the time, the role of our fullbacks is to block. And they've done an excellent job."

Rob Carpenter, who shares the fullback job with Maurice Carthon, isn't bothered by his role as a blocker. "If we're moving the ball downfield, that's fine with me," he says. "Our philosophy is to run to the outside with the halfback. Nobody's stopped it so why change?"

Despite his excellent season, Morris isn't satisfied. "Until you have that perfect

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The Giants (identifiable above are Leonard Marshall, 70; Jim Burt, 64; and Lawrence Taylor, 56) demonstrate their version of the squeeze play. Perennial Pro Bowler Harry Carson (right) usually joins the party.



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game, which few accomplish, there's no way you can be satisfied," he says. "I go home after a game and watch it on videotape. I enjoy seeing myself do good, but there are always plays when I didn't get the job done. Those are the ones I concentrate on. I use them as motivational tools. A fumble or a missed assignment reminds me that I still have to improve."

Which is not to say the Giants will live or die by the production of Morris. George Adams, used primarily in goal-line situations as a rookie, will give Morris time to catch his breath occasionally. Adams had 498 yards on 128 carries last year. Carthon is likely to see more playing time at fullback.

Simms returns after earning his first trip to the Pro Bowl, where he won the game's MVP award. In '85, Simms threw for 3,829 yards and 22 touchdowns, posting a 55.6 completion percentage. At 30 he has become one of the game's premier quarterbacks.

Pro Bowler Lionel Manuel (49 receptions, 859 yards) heads Simms' list of receivers, which includes Bobby Johnson (33 catches, 533 yards, eight TDs) and Phil McConkey (25 catches, 404 yards). Stacy Robinson may see more service as a wide-out.

The Giants suffered a blow last fall when tight end Zeke Mowatt injured his knee, but rookie Mark Bavaro stepped in and caught 37 passes for 511 yards and four touchdowns. With Mowatt healthy, the tight end situation is in good shape.

Simms can count on good protection this year. Assistant coach Fred Hoaglin says that his offensive line "has the potential to be one of the NFL's best."

On the right side are third-year tackle Karl Nelson and guard Chris Godfrey, who allowed the fewest sacks of any Giants' lineman in '85. Bill Ard continues at left guard, while left tackle presents an interesting battle. Brad Benson returns for his ninth season, and William Roberts, recovered from knee surgery, appears ready to challenge. Damien Johnson, who spent last year on injured reserve, is also back. Bart Oates returns at center.

Any discussion of the defense starts with the linebackers. Led by Lawrence Taylor, who was named to the Pro Bowl for the fifth straight year, and Harry Carson, a Pro Bowler seven of the past eight years, the unit is expected to return to blue-ribbon form. Carl Banks and Byron Hunt, who filled in when Banks was injured, will battle for the other starting spot.

The line, led by right end Leonard Marshall (15½ sacks), could steal the spotlight from the linebacking crew. Nose tackle Jim Burt is coming off his best year, and veteran end George Martin will continue to harass quarterbacks. Last year Martin had 10 sacks and an interception that he returned for a touchdown. Fellow end Curtis McGriff is one of the reasons teams don't run much against the Giants.

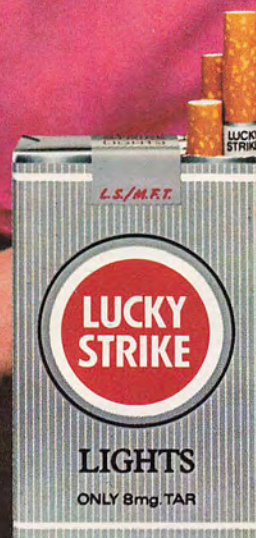
Others who could see considerable action

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A woman with blonde hair, wearing dark sunglasses and a bright pink short-sleeved button-down shirt, is posing against a dark background. She has one hand on her hip and the other holding a lit cigarette near her head. She is also wearing an orange skirt and a black belt.

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It was the spring of 1979, and the future of young Jay Schroeder looked promising. Already 6-4 and almost 220 pounds, he was winding up his senior high school year at Pacific Palisades, Calif. Major college football recruiters offered scholarships and superstardom. He was rated among the 10 best prep quarterbacks in the nation.

At the same time, major league baseball scouts were competing for a moment with Schroeder, eager to tell him of benefits and big money. Named the premier prep catcher in the Los Angeles area, he had big league potential with his speed, arm and size.

The Toronto Blue Jays picked him third in the draft that year and offered him a substantial bonus.

What they got was a young man with ideal size . . . and maturity seldom found in rookie candidates. Most pro clubs viewed the Redskins' choice as a tremendous gamble.

Classmates nicknamed him "The Natural."

Schroeder weighed the offers and, unable to decide, chose both. He signed a football scholarship with nearby UCLA and a contract with the Blue Jays. In the fall he would continue to quarterback. In the summer he would polish his baseball skills.

After two years at UCLA, Schroeder had been used sparingly. In his sophomore year, he completed only 37 of 65 passes. The heroics came in just a couple of games. Coming off the bench against Arizona State, he threw 18 passes for 157 yards and two touchdowns in a 23-14 victory; against Southern California he completed nine of 11, including a game-winning 58-yarder to teammate Freeman McNeil. Schroeder's only start was in a game against Oregon State, played in Tokyo.

His football career was moving too slowly. He decided it was time to give baseball a full-time effort.

Toronto sent him to its Class A team in Florence, S.C. Instead of plane trips to Japan, Schroeder found himself riding broken-down buses between bush league towns.

In four minor league seasons, he played six positions. He struggled at the plate, striking out 477 times. His batting average was .213.

"In one of the first games I played, I homered the first time up and doubled the next," Schroeder says. "After the game, the manager told me he wanted me to change my stance. I was playing a new position every time I turned around. It was a nightmare."

So much for baseball.

Schroeder returned to UCLA in the spring of 1984 and sought out offensive coordinator Homer Smith. He told his former coach that he wanted to get back into shape for football and see if any pro teams might be interested.

Smith, who had championed Schroeder at UCLA, welcomed him to spring workouts, allowing him to throw to Bruin receivers. Smith then sent letters to NFL teams, insisting Schroeder was someone worth considering for the draft.

The Washington Redskins selected Schroeder in the third round. What they got was a young man with ideal size, exceptional speed (4.7 in the 40), a strong arm and maturity seldom found in rookie candidates. Most pro clubs viewed the Redskins' choice as a tremendous gamble.

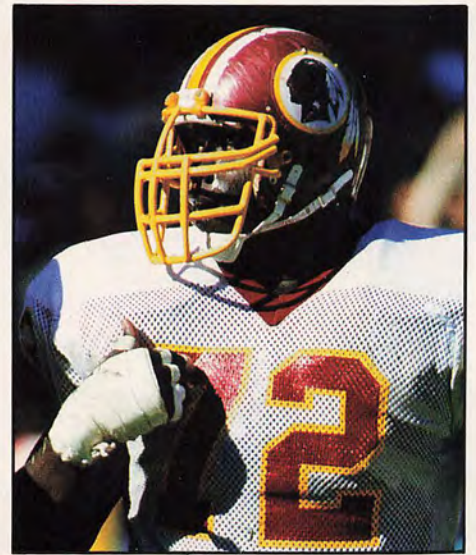
Last Nov. 18, veteran quarterback Joe Theismann suffered a severe leg fracture against the New York Giants. Coach Joe Gibbs signaled for Schroeder, who had not played a down in his rookie year and had thrown only eight passes in '85.

On his first pass of the night, the new quarterback connected with Art Monk on a 44-yard strike. He ended the game with 221 yards and a touchdown in a 23-21 victory.

"It was like a fairy tale," recalls Gibbs. "To be thrown into a situation like that and perform the way he did was unbelievable."

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You might call sack artists Monte Coleman (left) and Dexter Manley (above) The Intimidators.

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In the last six weeks of the season, Schroeder led the Redskins to a 5-1 record. He suffered a cracked rib on the third offensive play against Philadelphia yet stayed on to complete 16 of 29 and direct a 17-12 come-from-behind victory. His most prolific day came against San Francisco, when he completed 30 of 58 for 348 yards, setting a new club record for attempts. His interception average (2.392) ranked second only to the 2.19 mark established by the immortal Sammy Baugh. Six of his completions were for 40 yards or more.

Schroeder finished with 167 completions for 1,458 yards. Clearly, the Redskins will look to him for the future. The 36-year-old Theismann's future was clouded. He said in the spring he wants to return to Washington, but because his leg wasn't completely healed, he was unsure of his ability to play this season. He added, though, that he was not considering retiring. Meanwhile, Schroeder has become the leader of the Redskins' movement toward youth.

Washington's impressive 10-6 finish may signal the return to championship contention Gibbs has been seeking for several seasons.

Says Gibbs: "The fact that we played well in the final month of the season and won our last three makes a lot of difference. It's a foundation upon which we can build."

Washington followers will witness the beginning of a new era in Redskins football. Barring the unforeseen, Theismann will no longer direct the offense, and veteran fullback John Riggins, who slumped to 667 yards rushing, has gone.

The running game, ranked second in the league, will be outstanding with George Rogers returning after rushing for 1,093 yards, including a record-setting 206-yard day against St. Louis. Keith Griffin, the No. 3 back a year ago, added 473 yards and will see more playing time. He's also an excellent receiver (37 catches for 285 yards).

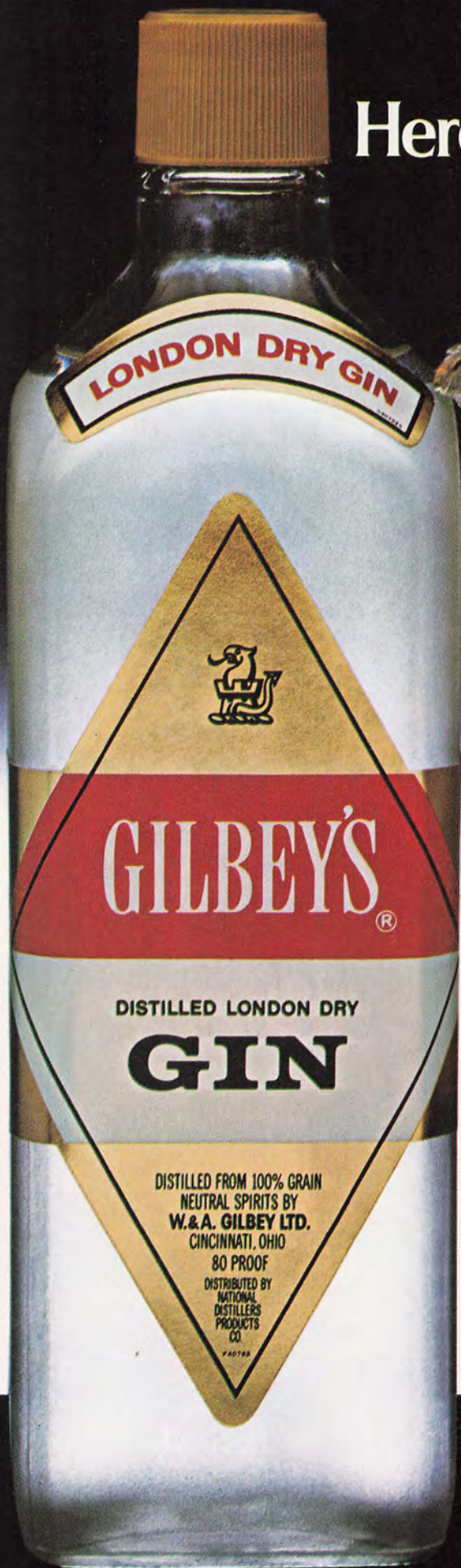
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Giants vs. Jets

What About a Subway Super Bowl?

by Daryl Sanders

The Giants vs. the Jets in Super Bowl XXI. It will be a Big Apple media dream come true.

Think of it. A Subway Super Bowl. Well, almost a Subway Super Bowl. Officially, the game will be played in Pasadena, Calif., and while some subway trains have been known to come off track, none have ever landed across the country.

In fact, you can't ride a subway to the Meadowlands—the home of the Giants and Jets. And, yes, the Meadowlands is in New Jersey. That means no New York football team is from New York.

But who cares about technicalities? At least some of the players live in New York City. To the fans, it would be known as a Subway Super Bowl, and that's all that really matters.

Only once, when the Jets fulfilled Joe Namath's promise of a win over Baltimore in 1969, has a New York team played in the Super Bowl. Imagine the effect on Madison Avenue if both New York teams played in the title game.

The smiling faces of quarterbacks Phil Simms and Ken O'Brien would be seen everywhere. So would those of star running backs Joe Morris and Freeman McNeil. How about a new Mark Gastineau line of designer tank tops? Or the Bill Parcells model stocking cap?

You would see Giants and Jets featured in advertisements on television, billboards and magazines. There would be luncheons with the mayor, dinner with the governors (of both states) and *Late Night with David Letterman*.

There's no question a Giants-Jets Super Bowl would be a media circus, but could it actually happen? Without a doubt, and the score will be Giants 24, Jets 13.

There are many similarities between the two teams, and there's no reason why they shouldn't arrive at Pasadena on the same flight.

To begin with, each has had a taste of playoff glory in recent seasons. Last year, both teams posted 11 wins and were knocked out of the playoffs by the eventual conference champion.

Both the Giants and Jets have balanced attacks that ranked among the top five in the NFL. They feature young, strong-armed quarterbacks and explosive running backs. The Jets may have a slight edge at receiver (more deep threats), but neither team is hurting.

It's the defenses that will set them apart from the rest of the crowd. Lost in the hoopla over the Bears last year, few noticed that the Giants' defense ranked just a smidgen below that of the champions. It was young and aggressive and returns a little older and wiser.

The Jets' defense wasn't far behind at No. 8 overall. The difference was an injured secondary that never found the groove.

The Giants' defense is led by fifth-year linebacker Lawrence Taylor, an All-Pro who is destined for the Hall of Fame. Taylor led the team with 104 tackles, recorded 13½ sacks and forced four fumbles.

Simms, taking advantage of a rare healthy season, threw for an NFC-high 3,829 yards and 22 TDs. Running back Joe Morris complemented the passing attack by rushing for 1,336 yards and an NFL-high 21 TDs. Add running back George Adams and the solid receiving corps of Lionel Manuel, Bobby Johnson and Mark Bavaro, and the offense is sound.

The Jets' offense features O'Brien, who was the NFL's passing efficiency leader in 1985 as he threw for 3,888 yards and 25 TDs. His success was linked to an impressive group of receivers: deep threats Al Toon and Wesley Walker, tight end Mickey Shuler (club-record 76 catches) and possession receiver Kurt Sohn.

McNeil, who gained 1,331 yards despite missing two games with injuries, is always a threat.

Defensively, it's what's upfront that counts. The new 3-4 alignment was excellent against the run (the Jets were No. 1 in the AFC) and made Joe Klecko an All-Pro at his third different position (nose tackle). It didn't hurt Gastineau (13½ sacks), either.

The Bears and the San Francisco 49ers, the two most recent Super Bowl champions, won't fade away without a fight. They will dominate their NFC divisions.

New wave quarterback Jim McMahon will keep the Bears moving, whether he's handing off to Walter Payton (1,551 yards), passing to speedy Willie Gault or keeping it himself.

But when it comes to offense, San Francisco has it. With Joe Montana (3,653 yards and 27 TDs) at the controls, the Niners are a finely tuned machine. Last year, Roger Craig set an NFL record by rushing and receiving for more than 1,000 yards in each category. There's also a bevy of excellent receivers: Dwight Clark, Jerry Rice, Russ Francis and Freddie Solomon. However, the defense, especially an injured secondary, must be retooled.

Cleveland and the Los Angeles Raiders should repeat in the AFC Central and West respectively. It will be a struggle between Los Angeles and Denver, though.

The Browns matured with each game and looked better every week. The defense, led by linebackers Chip Banks, Clay Matthews and Tom Cousineau and the Dogs of Defense secondary, is destined to become one of the AFC's top units. Quarterback Bernie Kosar will give the Browns the passing game to go with the excellent tandem of Kevin Mack (1,104 yards) and Earnest Byner (1,002).

It is a tribute to the Raiders' overall talent that their team can still compete for the championship despite the problems at quarterback. Of course, versatile Marcus Allen takes the worry out of who takes the snap from center. If there's a way to gain yards, Allen (NFL-high 1,759 rushing yards and 67 receptions) will find it.

AFC EAST

1. New York Jets
2. Miami
3. New England
4. Indianapolis
5. Buffalo

Close behind the Jets will be three-time defending division champion Miami and New England, last year's surprise Super Bowl entrant.

What the Dolphins will do with the football is no mystery. Quarterback Dan Marino has become one of the most productive passers in league history. Receivers Mark Duper and Mark Clayton and versatile running back Tony Nathan make the Dolphins a definite playoff contender, but as usual, it's a less than imposing defense that will keep them from advancing to the Super Bowl.

New England's success had some convinced that Coach Raymond Berry was doing

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Joe Morris: NFL-high 21 TDs for little Giant.



(Predictions continued)

it with mirrors. Solid in nearly every category but dominating in none, the Patriots seemed to be in the right place at the right time. Linebackers Andre Tippett and Steve Nelson and cornerback Raymond Clayborn led a defense with a knack for forcing turnovers (45, an AFC high). The Pats' offense was solid behind the running of Craig James (1,227 yards) and Tony Collins.

Colts Coach Rod Dowhower has been known for his ability to develop quarterbacks. His acquisition of Gary Hogeboom from Dallas may have been a major development. Put Hogeboom with the AFC's top rushing game (Randy McMillan and George Wonsley) and there could be sparks.

Buffalo has bona fide stars in running backs Greg Bell and Joe Cribbs. The Bills also have a young defensive unit that showed signs of maturing.

AFC CENTRAL

1. Cleveland
2. Cincinnati
3. Pittsburgh
4. Houston

Cincinnati is capable of popping the Browns' bubble if the opportunity presents itself. The Bengals had one of the wildest offenses in the land last season. Only gunslingers like Chicago and San Diego outscored them. Young Boomer Esiason (3,443 passing yards and 27 TDs) was the No. 2-ranked quarterback in the NFL. With running backs James Brooks and Larry Kinnebrew gaining good yardage, receivers Chris Collinsworth, Eddie Brown and Rodney Holman were open consistently. Unfortunately, the Bengals' defense had the same problems opposing defenses had against Esiason and Co.

The defense never rests in Pittsburgh, but the offense must shake off the drowsiness that fell over it last season. Linebackers Mike Merriweather and Robin Cole led the NFL's No. 6 defense, but it wasn't enough to overcome a mediocre offensive output.

At times the Houston Oilers looked as if they were on the verge of becoming a factor in the division race. Then, sometimes they appeared to be just filling out the field. Halfbacks Mike Rozier and Butch Woolfolk and receiver Drew Hill added punch.

AFC WEST

1. L.A. Raiders
2. Denver
3. San Diego
4. Seattle
5. Kansas City

While the Raiders try to solve their quarterback dilemma, Denver's playoff chances ride on the strong arm of young John Elway, whose only flaw has been daring passes. Elway would be greatly improved if running back Sammy

Winder could stay healthy and give the Broncos a solid rushing game. The defense has few holes. It was strengthened with the addition of cornerback Mark Haynes.

Dan Fouts shakes off injuries every other game and still passes for tons of yardage (3,638 yards). The Chargers now have a running game (Lionel James, Gary Anderson and Tim Spencer) to go with a smorgasbord of talented receivers (Wes Chandler, Charlie Joiner and Kellen Winslow). That adds up to the NFL's No. 1 offense, but even that won't overcome the 28th-ranked defense.

Seattle's mad-dog defense, led by safety Kenny Easley and linebacker Fred Young, forced 44 turnovers, but the offense committed 40. Quarterback Dave Krieg was inconsistent, probably because his offensive line allowed defenders to have an open season on him. Still, big-play men like Curt Warner (1,094 rushing yards), Steve Largent (1,287 receiving yards) and Daryl Turner (13 TD receptions) make the Seahawks a force.

Kansas City was inconsistent in all departments. Receiver Stephane Paige led the NFL in yards per catch, but the offense ranked 22nd overall.

NFC EAST

1. New York Giants
2. Washington
3. Philadelphia
4. Dallas
5. St. Louis

Many faces have changed since the recent glory days of the Redskins. John Riggins has gone, Joe Theismann may not be recovered from his injury and several other established veterans have been getting hints their days are numbered. Still, the Skins have playoff talent. Quarterback Jay Schroeder blends well with Art Monk (91 receptions) and tailback George Rogers (1,093 yards).

There's good reason to hop on the Buddy Ryan Express in Philadelphia. Last year the Eagles' defensive unit showed it has plenty of potential. It ranked sixth versus the pass but 21st against the run. Defending the run, however, is Ryan's specialty. With Earnest Jackson gaining yards (1,028) and the Ron Jaworski-Mike Quick connection clicking, the Eagles may be the year's big surprise.

The Cowboys will get their share of offense from quarterback Danny White, running back Tony Dorsett and tight end Doug Cosbie, but time is running out on the defense. Despite Pro Bowl performers Randy White and Everson Walls, the defense ranked 20th overall and a woeful 26th against the pass.

St. Louis is again the NFC's mystery team. Projected to challenge for the title in 1985, the Cardinals crashed. But players like Neil Lomax, Roy Green and Stump Mitchell make the Big Red offense something to fear.

NFC CENTRAL

1. Chicago
2. Green Bay
3. Detroit
4. Minnesota
5. Tampa Bay

After the Bears' wrecking crew finishes with the divisional round-robin schedule, there won't be much left to salvage. But Green Bay and Detroit may still have recognizable features.

The Packers have a consistent running game and a viable home-run threat (Lynn Dickey to James Lofton) but have had problems staying healthy.

Now that Detroit knows Billy Sims won't be a substantial contributor, Coach Darryl Rogers can go about curing the ills of the least-productive offense in the NFL. Rookie Chuck Long may get an opportunity to unseat Eric Hipple at quarterback, but the Lions' most consistent offense will come from running backs James Jones and Wilbert Montgomery.

The Minnesota offense under new Coach Jerry Burns is still up in the air. Tommy Kramer has deep threats Mike Jones and Anthony Carter, but the Vikings' overall running game was the NFC's weakest.

Tampa Bay used the first pick in the draft to get Bo Jackson to go along with James Wilder in the backfield. The Bucs would be wise to start preparing for next year's draft in hopes of strengthening their defense that ranked 26th overall.

NFC WEST

1. San Francisco
2. L.A. Rams
3. Atlanta
4. New Orleans

With the 49ers recovered from the post-Super Bowl championship blahs, the Rams will have to fight for a wild-card playoff berth. With Eric Dickerson in the lineup for the entire season, their rushing game will have few flaws. The big question is at quarterback. Dieter Brock, in his first season south of the Canadian border, was impressive statistically but not in the production department. The Rams were the No. 28 passing team in the league. But the NFL's fifth-ranked defense made that shortcoming seem almost non-existent. The Rams forced 44 turnovers, including 29 interceptions.

The Falcons wasted little time trying to solve their passing problems. They grabbed quarterback Turk Schonert from Cincinnati in hopes of providing relief for NFC-leading rusher Gerald Riggs (1,719 yards). Even if the passing game improves, the defense still has a way to go.

New Orleans first-year Coach Jim Mora has some young talent but needs more time to develop it. The first step is deciding on a quarterback among Bobby Hebert, Richard Todd and Dave Wilson.

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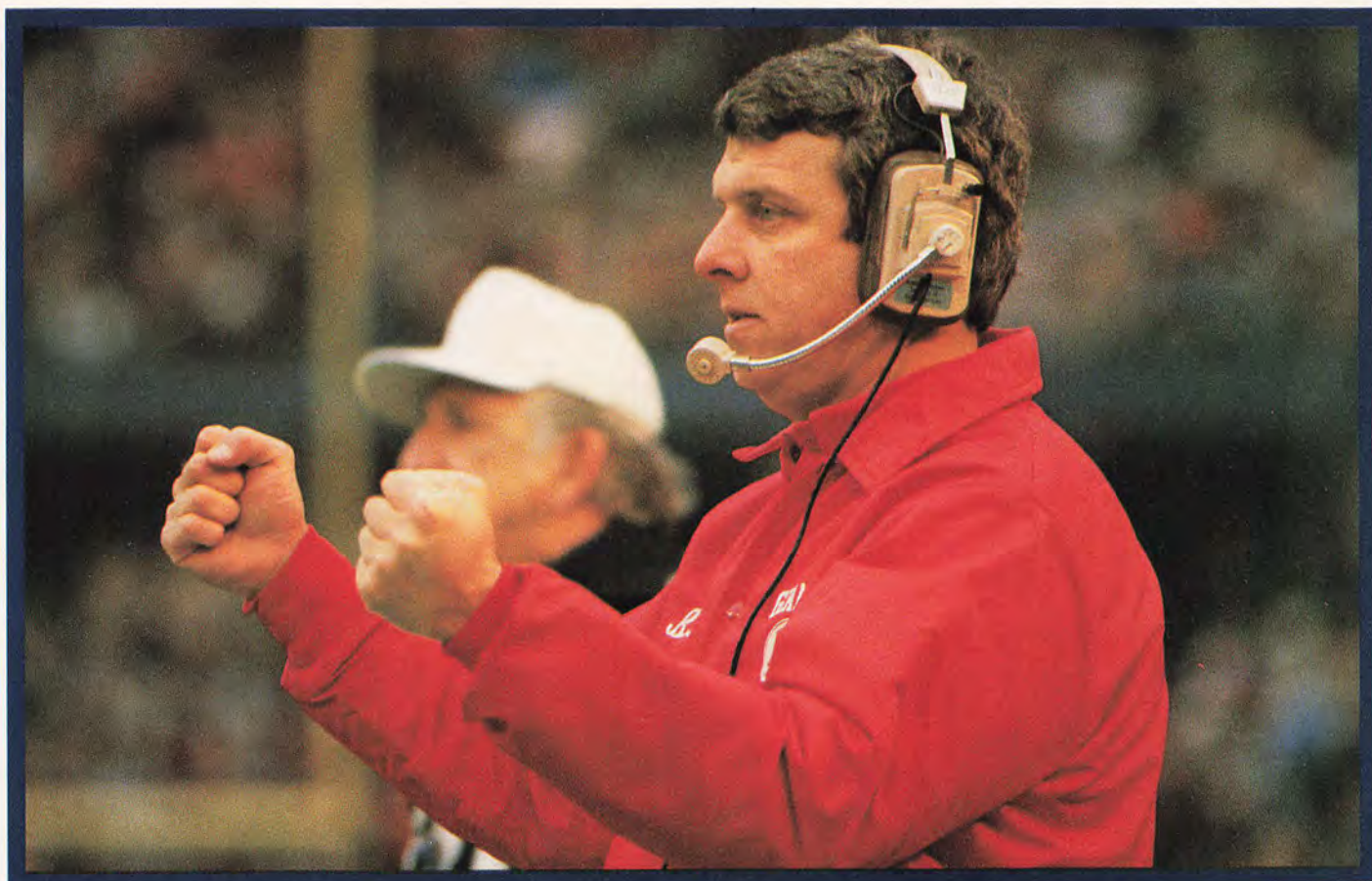
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Bill Parcells of the New York Giants ATHLON'S NFL COACH OF THE YEAR

Bill Parcells of the New York Giants is *Athlon's* choice as 1986 Pro Football Coach of the Year.

In his fourth season as the Giants' head coach, the 45-year-old Parcells (24-27-1 overall) has revived their proud tradition by directing them to consecutive winning seasons and back-to-back playoff appearances. He became the first Giant coach in 22 years to accomplish that feat. His last two teams have won the most home victories (14) over a two-year span in the club's history.

The 10-6 Giants placed second in the NFC East in 1985 and earned a wild-card berth in the playoffs. In the last two seasons, the Giants were eliminated by the eventual Super Bowl champions.

The Giants are *Athlon's* pick to win Super Bowl XXI.

Last year, the Giants ranked second in the NFC in total offense and defense, sent five players to the Pro Bowl and set 11 team and 13 individual records. They did it with 15 starters who have only three years

or less of experience in the National Football League.

Parcells, a defensive expert, is the perfect example of a man who has paid his dues. A much-traveled assistant coach at six universities—he also served as head coach of the Air Force Academy in 1978—and two pro teams, he got his golden NFL opportunity in 1983. He was elevated from defensive coordinator to replace Ray Perkins as the Giants' head coach when the latter was chosen to succeed Bear Bryant at Alabama.

Although Parcells' first team suffered through a 3-12-1 season (marred by the deaths of an assistant coach, a former player and Parcells' parents), his next two editions were winners.

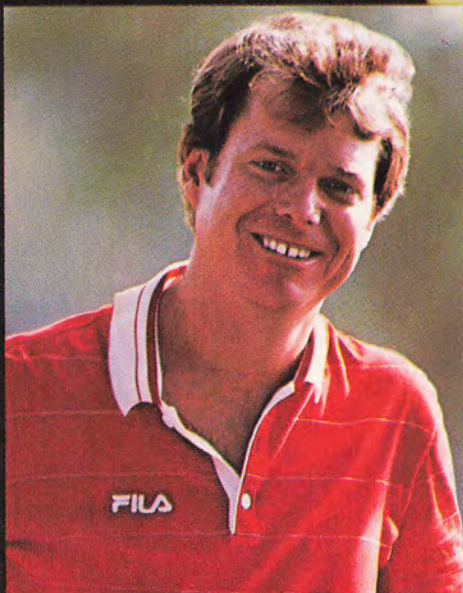
Born in Englewood, N.J., and raised as a Giants fan, Parcells played collegiate football at Wichita State, where he was a standout linebacker. He was drafted by the Detroit Lions but turned down the chance to play to start his coaching career.

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When E.F. Hutton talks, people listen.

This could have been another of those stories about a promising young athlete whose future was ruined by injury. Were it not for the interest of a faraway relative and a sizable amount of determination, the pro football world would know nothing of Wes Hopkins, free safety of the Philadelphia Eagles. There would be no game balls mounted in his trophy case, no All-Pro citations, no reason to dream of future championships.

In his final high school season in Birmingham, Ala., Hopkins knew the importance of playing well. He was an all-around athlete whose first priority was football. It was his ticket to a college education.

"I'll tell you one thing, I wouldn't want to play against him," says Eagles All-Pro wide receiver Mike Quick. "He plays the secondary like he owns the field."

By the time he crossed the stage to receive his high school diploma, however, Hopkins had put his dreams aside. A series of injuries during what he had hoped would be his best season had kept him on the sideline too long to gain the attention of recruiters.

Then came a call from an uncle in Dallas. He urged Hopkins to give it one more shot. Spend the summer getting healthy, then enroll at Southern Methodist. There would be no scholarship but the coach, Ron Meyer, welcomed walk-ons. Once a scout for the Dallas Cowboys, Meyer knew that there were talented players who were overlooked. If Hopkins was one, Meyer would be glad to give him the opportunity to prove it.

Before leaving SMU, Hopkins had become the school's all-time interception yardage leader with 231 yards on 14 steals. Against Houston he set a personal record with four interceptions, returning one 66 yards for a touchdown. In his senior year he was named the Cotton Bowl's most valuable defensive player, after SMU defeated Pittsburgh with Dan Marino 7-3. Hopkins played in the Hula Bowl later.

In the spring of 1983, the Philadelphia Eagles picked him in the second round of the draft. He improved steadily and was an All-Pro last season. He was the Eagles' most valuable defensive performer after making six interceptions, 136 tackles (leading the team), two sacks and forcing two fumbles.

Hopkins is regarded as one of the most intimidating defenders in the game.

"I'll tell you one thing, I wouldn't want to play against him," says Eagles All-Pro wide receiver Mike Quick. "He plays the secondary like he owns the field. Even if you make the catch, you know you're going to pay for it. He's not a dirty player, but he wants people to know they've been hit by Wes Hopkins."

"There are other defensive backs in the league who get more recognition than Wes, but there are none better," says former Dallas Cowboys receiver Drew Pearson. "I've never seen anyone play defense more aggressively. I watched him in college and knew then he was going to be a great pro."

Though modest, Hopkins enjoys the recognition that comes from a job well done. "There is a price to pay in this game to get where you want to be," he says. "Before individuals gain the recognition they're after, the team has to do well. If people are saying Wes Hopkins is the best free safety in pro football, it means that the Eagles are being recognized as winners again. That's the most important thing. That's what we're all after."

That's what Buddy Ryan, the new head coach who was the architect of the Chicago Bears' defense, likes to hear. After serving as the defensive mastermind of three Super Bowl teams (New York Jets, III; Minnesota Vikings, XI; and the Bears, XX), Ryan replaces Marion Campbell.

Ryan will build the foundation of his Super Bowl ambitions with the 46 defense he taught the Bears. "The ingredients are here for a solid defense right away," he says. "The Eagles' secondary is better than the one we had with the Bears, and the defensive line is just as good. But the situation at linebacker isn't what we would like it to be."

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QB Ron Jaworski (left) will try to fend off the challenge of Randall Cunningham (above).

(Philadelphia continued)

Hopkins is ideally suited to Ryan's defensive philosophy. He will be one of the catalysts as the Eagles convert from the 3-4 alignment. "I think Coach Ryan's defense will allow everyone more freedom," Hopkins says. "We've got people who want to attack. Now we're going to get the opportunity."

With Hopkins and strong safety Ray Ellis, Ryan may have the best safeties in the NFC East, maybe in the NFL. Ellis had four interceptions in '85.

Some observers of Ryan's defense express concern that cornerback could be a problem. Veteran Herman Edwards, who works the right side, has always been a heady defender, but he's more suited to zones than combination coverages. The left side should be strong with aggressive Roynell Young on hand.

Upfront, ends Reggie White and Greg Brown were impressive last year, as was nose tackle Ken Clarke. With backups Thomas Strauthers and Joe Drake, the new staff should field a strong line.

At 6-5, 285, White, who came to the Eagles from the USFL after the season began, should fulfill his pass-rushing potential in Ryan's 4-6 defense. In only 13 games, he sacked opposing quarterbacks 13 times to tie Brown for the club lead. He had 100 total tackles, including one for a safety.

Ryan has indicated that the competition at linebacker is wide open. Last year's starters—Garry Cobb on the outside and Mike Reichenbach on the inside—will be the front-runners, but reserves Rich Kraynak and Dwayne Jiles will get the opportunity to advance. Anthony Griggs and Joel Williams were traded.

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For 10 years he was a thorn in the side of Gene Stallings, new head coach of the St. Louis Cardinals. Twice each NFL season, the former Dallas Cowboys' defensive backfield coach would prepare his players to stop the always steady, sometimes spectacular St. Louis wide receiver Pat Tilley. Rarely, Stallings insists, was he satisfied that the mission had been accomplished.

"For many years," he says, "Pat Tilley has been one of the most respected receivers in pro football. It's nice to be on his side finally."

Stallings will, no doubt, look to the 5-10, 178-pound veteran of 10 seasons to continue the heroics that have brought honors over the years.

"Last year wasn't much fun. But with the arrival of Coach Stallings, there seems to be new enthusiasm. The whole city is excited."

The disappointment of the 1985 season, which the Cardinals went into with high hopes, took its toll on Tilley.

"I had always promised myself," he says, "that when the game quit being fun, I would give it up. And last year wasn't much fun. But with the arrival of Coach Stallings, there seems to be new enthusiasm. The whole city is excited."

There are personal milestones that clinched Tilley's decision to remain for at least one more season. His 49 receptions last year moved him to within 15 catches of the St. Louis record held by tight end Jackie Smith (480). And this year he probably will move into the NFL's Top 20.

"I can honestly say I haven't put a great deal of stock in individual accomplishments," Tilley says. "Because we haven't won, they never seemed to be that big a thing."

The bottom line is that Tilley wants to be part of a winner. He is the type of player Stallings will look to for leadership in his head-coaching debut.

"When I spoke with Pat after coming to St. Louis," Stallings says, "he told me how disappointed he was in last season. He feels strongly that the Cardinals have the talent to contend for the NFC East championship. He told me that anyone who could have enjoyed last year had to be crazy. What that told me was something I already knew: Tilley is a winner, and he wants to prove that this can be a team that demands respect. I'll take as many Tilleys as I can find."

Indeed, the former Louisiana Tech player is something of a monument to the dedication and determination that turns marginal talent into stardom. His speed and size were concerns in 1976 when he was drafted. In his first three years in the NFL he was the Cardinals' No. 3 receiver, working behind speedster Mel Gray and Ike Harris. Quarterback Jim Hart complained that Tilley's size made him a difficult target to find. That may explain why he caught only six passes in his second season. There were many ready to believe that Tilley was only one draft away from the end of a brief pro career.

Then Harris was suddenly traded to New Orleans and Tilley got his chance to work full time. In seven of the last eight seasons, he's caught 40 or more passes. In 1980 he earned an invitation to the Pro Bowl, and in '81 his 1,040 yards marked the first 1000-yard season by a Cardinal receiver in 14 years. He has accomplished such feats without benefit of the size or speed most coaches demand in a wide receiver.

"I've had to work hard for everything," the 33-year-old Tilley says. "I've never been given anything. I had to work for my position in high school, in college and in the pros. Once I got it, I had to work hard to keep it. I know I'm no superstar who can rely on raw talent, but that has probably worked to my advantage. I've done everything within my power to maintain the skills I was blessed with."

Today, there is not a more sure-handed receiver. Tilley seems always to be open, although he finds himself dueling with defensive backs with more speed.

"The whole thing is an act of deception," Tilley says. "You have to trick the defensive back into thinking you're running a pattern you're not. The fast guys can

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The Cardinals have high hopes for a 1000-yard season repeat by Stump Mitchell.

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go out and challenge the defender, just blow past them and get open. I have to make a dip or a weave and try to get them turned around before I make a break to get open."

Though Tilley became a receiver out of frustration, he's been successful for a long time.

"When I was in high school," he says, "I wasn't considered college football material. In my junior year, I was a scrambling quarterback. I was 5-7 and weighed 155 pounds, and I wasn't getting much playing time. In my senior year, the coach made it quite clear that I was never going to be another Terry Bradshaw. He suggested that I try wide receiver."

Though Tilley made the transition smoothly, college recruiters didn't beat a path to his door. Only Louisiana Tech and Northwest Louisiana expressed interest. "Northwest had a running offense," he says, "so that made my choice automatic." Though hardly recognized as a national power, Louisiana Tech is the school that produced the quarterback Tilley knew he could never become: Terry Bradshaw.

Tilley led the Southland Conference in receiving in his junior and senior years, but he thought little about pro ball until he attended workouts of the Shreveport Steamers of the now-defunct World Football League in the summer prior to his senior year.

"I watched their receivers," he says, "and I thought, if these guys can make a living playing

pro ball and if the NFL is anything like the WFL, maybe I have a chance."

Tilley made up his mind to give it a shot, hoping his moves and ability to catch in a crowd might divert attention from his size and 4.7 40 speed. "One thing I knew I had was good concentration," he says. "I had worked

Wayne Smith keeps tab on invaders of his zone.



hard at that. As far as I'm concerned, that's the most important thing. If the quarterback is confident that you're going to make the catch, he'll throw it your way. I've always known my limitations, but I think my assets make up for them. My strong point is that I can go out, get open and make the catch. It may not sound flashy, but that's what it's all about as far as I'm concerned."

Tilley also credits his Christian faith with long service in the NFL. "I'm not a guy who prays to make a lot of catches," he says, "but I ask for help to do my best. Before I became a Christian, I used to get upset and curse at defensive backs, things like that. When you do that sort of thing, it destroys the concentration necessary to perform up to your potential. As my faith grew, I became more comfortable with myself. It has helped me not only as an athlete but also as a person."

No doubt Stallings would like to see such confidence spread. Taking the reins of a team that some predicted would be in the thick of NFC East competition last year, only to limp to a 5-11 record, his first order of business is to rebuild attitude. And he's evidently made headway. During the off-season, for instance, he ordered a new weight facility and was pleased that 20 players showed up regularly for workouts.

Middle linebacker E. J. Junior, for one, has already taken note of a mood swing among his teammates. "It was amazing when we had our first meeting with Coach Stallings," the former Alabama All-American says. "He sounded just like Coach (Bear) Bryant did when I was in college. Same mannerisms, same voice, same movements. I think everyone liked what he had to say."

As a matter of fact, Stallings, a highly regarded member of Tom Landry's staff in Dallas, has stepped into a job that has the potential to make him a quick winner.

The ifs, however, are big. There's the contract squabble with Stump Mitchell, who ran for 1,006 yards in eight starts last year. And quarterback Neil Lomax fell far below expectations last year, despite throwing for 3,214 yards and 18 touchdowns.

Stallings also must hope the rash of injuries that hit a year ago does not recur. The Cardinals started with a 3-1 record but won only two of their last 12 games.

Veteran 1000-yard gainer Ottis Anderson missed seven games with knee and calf injuries. Speedy wide receiver Roy Green was sidelined for six weeks with a leg problem. Cornerback Lionel Washington was sidelined for 11 weeks (ankle), linebacker Thomas Howard missed 12 games (knee) and free safety Benny Perrin was absent for nine weeks (knee). Without great depth, the Cardinals were forced to play much of the season with as many as four rookies in key positions.

"When you look back," Stallings says, "you

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have to take the injury factor into consideration. It isn't the fault of the coach or the players. Things like that happen. What we're going to try to do is forget it and look to the positive side; we had young players who got experience they normally wouldn't have. If everyone comes back ready to play, our depth situation will be improved. And in pro football, depth is important."

To design the offense, Stallings brought former Cowboys quarterback coach Jim Shofner with him to St. Louis. It may be assumed that the offense will be similar to Landry's. "We've got the potential for a good offense," Shofner says. "We'll probably use a one-back attack with a ball-control passing game."

That should be ideal for the talent on hand, especially if Lomax regains his touch and Green returns at full speed. Add Tilley on the other side, the experience of tight end Doug Marsh (37 catches last year) and Mitchell and Anderson, gifted receivers coming out of the backfield, and the passing game should be effective. J. T. Smith, who caught 43 subbing for Green, will help and could start if Green's leg continues to be a problem.

With Mitchell and Anderson, the Cardinals will have a devastating punch in the backfield. Ron Wolfley will return at fullback.

Upfront, Luis Sharpe and Lance Smith will

open at tackles with Joe Bostic and Doug Dawson at guards, and Randy Clark at center. Providing backup help will be Carlos Scott and Tootie Robbins.

Improvement in the line is essential if the offense is to flourish.

Tilley, who has endured mainly negatives in a St. Louis uniform, decided football might again be fun.

Defense is the Cardinals' greatest concern. Stallings has already indicated his team will switch from a 4-3 alignment to a 3-4. Why? "Because we didn't stop anybody last year," he says. St. Louis was 24th in the league against the rush and collected only 32 sacks.

David Galloway will be the nose tackle. Al Baker and Curtis Greer are projected as ends. Mark Duda, a tackle in '85, will either work behind Galloway or move to end, where he could challenge Greer. Stafford Mays and Scott Bergold are the only other returning veterans.

Junior, who led the team in interceptions with five, heads the linebacking crew. It includes Niko Noga, Charlie Baker, Bob Harris,

Thomas Howard and Freddie Joe Nunn. Noga had 74 tackles in 11 starts. From that group, Stallings should have no trouble finding four above-average starters.

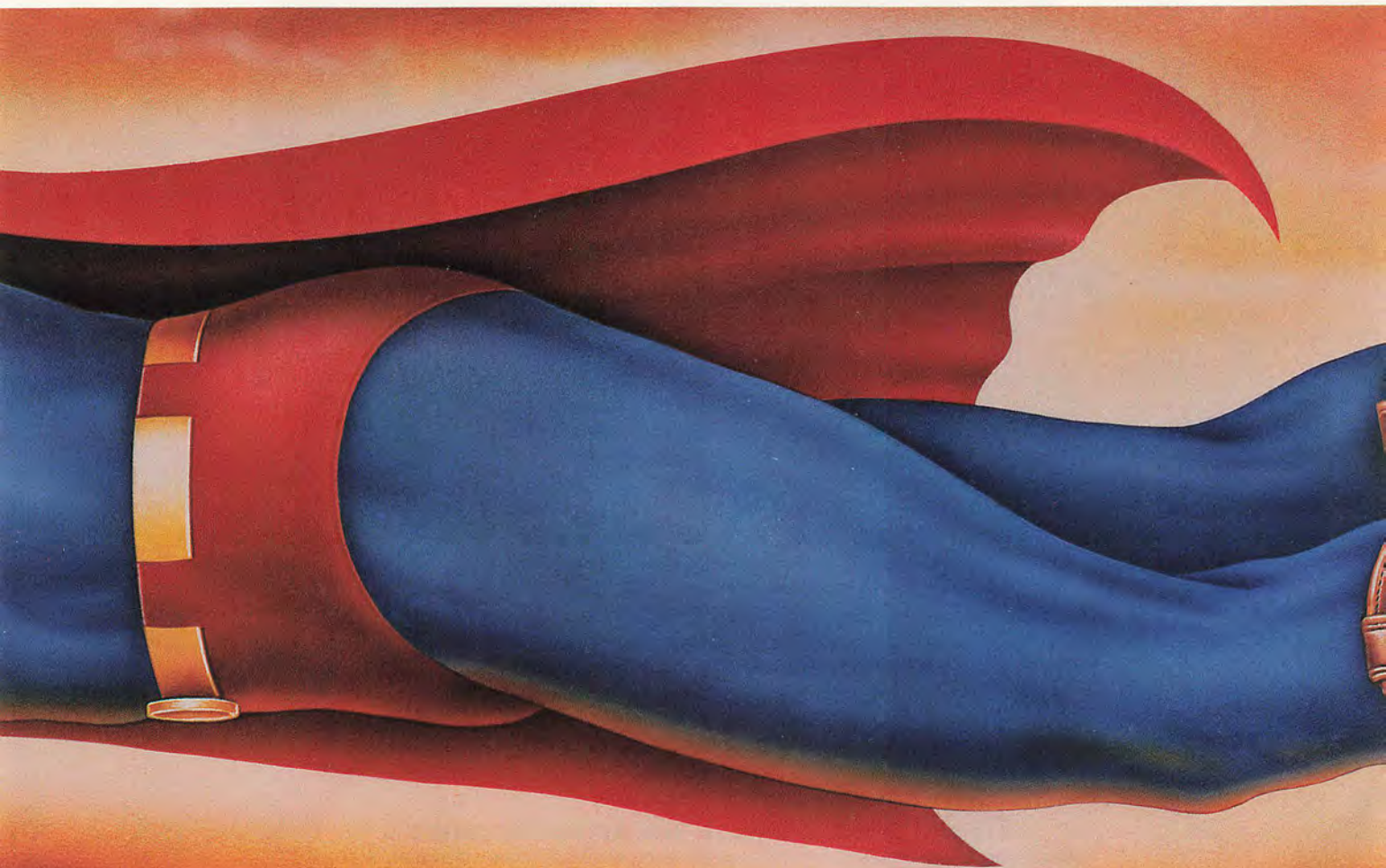
Left cornerback Cedric Mack led the team in passes broken up with 17. Right corner Wayne Smith batted down 16 himself. Strong safety Leonard Smith ended the year with 116 tackles, nine passes knocked down, two interceptions and three sacks. Lonnie Young remains the man to beat at free safety. Backup help is available from Bobby Johnson, Jeff Griffin and Washington.

In the specialty team areas, J. T. Smith and Mitchell will vie for the punt return chores unless both start. In that event, Stallings will likely look for a rookie to take over the job. Clyde Duncan will handle kickoff returns after averaging 19.6 yards per carry last year.

Stallings is aware the Cardinals were an unhappy team at the end of last season. For that reason, he chose not to retain any of the assistants from fired Jim Hanifan's staff. "I didn't want anybody reminding me of what could happen," Stallings says. "We're starting with a clean slate and I didn't want to hear any negatives."

That is one of the reasons Tilley, who has endured mainly negatives in a St. Louis uniform, decided football might again be fun.

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tackle Tim Irwin, defensive end Keith Millard and cornerback Issiac Holt.

The Vikings just don't have enough pass-rush power to scare anybody. Millard led the club with 11 of the total 23 sacks, but he was moved inside on the four-man line because he lacked quickness. The best down lineman is left end Doug Martin, who has speed, quickness and agility. Tim Newton, a 302-pounder drafted in the sixth round last year, didn't get the headlines that Chicago's William Perry did, but he played solid interior defense and finished the year with 64 tackles, 42 assists, two sacks and two of the team's 22 interceptions. No Viking linemen ever had more than one interception in a career.

The draft produced first-rounder Gerald Robinson, a defensive end with 4.6 speed, and fourth-rounder Joe Phillips, a 6-4, 290-pound tackle. Backups include 12-year vet Mark Mullaney, a No. 1 pick in 1975, and Neil Elshire, a rangy 6-6 pass rushing specialist, who had five sacks.

The linebacking corps is mostly young and inconsistent. Ten-year veteran Scott Studwell, the right insider backer, hits like a ton but has limited range. Doleman, the fourth pick overall in the 1985 draft; Dennis Fowlkes, a fourth-year free agent who was in and out of Pittsburgh's camp in 1983; and Chris Martin, a



Darrin Nelson: a 1000-yard run/catch gainer.

waiver claim from New Orleans two years ago, wound up the season as starters. Doleman has great size (6-5, 250) and 4.6 speed, and could become a Pro Bowler if he puts his mind to it.

Joey Browner, a reckless, hard-hitting strong safety, heads up an underrated secondary. Free safety John Turner, who had five interceptions, is the quickest of the deep defenders. At right cornerback, Willie Teal continued his

excellent play, intercepting three passes and playing tough against the run. Holt, a second-round pick in 1985, could challenge the smaller Carl Lee at left corner.

The Vikings' special teams must find a kicker to replace 19-year vet Jan Stenerud. Punter Greg Coleman ranked seventh in the NFL with a 42.8-yard average. Carter could take over the punt return duties from Nelson.

The future of kickoff returner Buster Rhymes, who had a 25.4-yard average (fifth best in the NFL), is uncertain. Rhymes returned to the Hazelden Foundation for treatment of an unspecified illness.

There was also an off-field problem involving club management that continued to make headlines. President Max Winter and General Manager Mike Lynn went several rounds in court and at the owners' meetings on the issue of whether Winter could sell a one-third share of the Vikings.

The new man at the coaching helm, Jerry Burns, hardly seemed to notice.

"I spend a lot of time with my family away from football," says Burns. "We take family vacations together. But I'm not an outdoorsman like Bud Grant.

"Whenever anybody asks me if I fish, I tell 'em, 'I'm not old enough.' " But as a rookie NFL coach, Jerry Burns will age fast enough.

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controversy are over. Backup Gary Hogeboom finally got his wish to be traded when he was sent to Indianapolis. Steve Pelluer moves to the No. 2 spot. He performed well in the division title showdown against the New York Giants when White and Hogeboom were sidelined by injury.

"I think White will continue to play well for us," Landry says. "He's a winner, always has been. Last year he showed great courage, playing with so many injuries."

Midway in the season, Landry insisted his defense was one of the best in recent Dallas history. Critics wondered how such a superlative group could give up so many points to Chicago and Cincinnati and allow Rams running back Eric Dickerson to set an individual rushing record (248 yards), which may stand for the next quarter-century. Landry's answer was that his offense failed to maintain control long enough to take pressure off the defense.

The most immediate need is at cornerback. While All-Pro Everson Walls set the NFL pace for interceptions (nine) on one side, Victor Scott, more suited for safety, struggled at right corner after stepping in for injured Ron Fellows. Depth is not a luxury at the position.

The secondary is promising, though. Look for free safety Michael Downs to continue his reliable and sometimes spectacular play, and strong safety Dextor Clinkscale's continued improvement. Veteran safety Dennis Thurman remains a valued member of the 4-0 as does hard-hitting Bill Bates. But Landry could use a couple of defensive backs with speed and tackling ability to challenge the veterans.

Age will soon be a factor in the front four. "We can't go another year with two 35-year-olds (John Dutton and Ed Jones) and a 33-year-old (Randy White) in the starting line," Landry says. Not that he is ready to write them off entirely. They, along with end Jim Jeffcoat, continue to play well. But Landry knows it is time to begin looking to the future. "Randy," he says, "will play at a high level for several more years. And Dutton is always a battler. But we need to give him help. Same with Jones. Kevin Brooks (a No. 1 pick at end) has to move into the starting lineup this year. If he provides the kind of pass rush we think he can, we'll be better."

Proof that problems do get solved is evident in the linebacking corps. Eugene Lockhart performs well in the middle, flanked by veteran Mike Hegman and Jeff Rohrer. Jesse Penn, a talent of the future, could replace Rohrer as a starter.

The kicking game is strong. Specialist Rafael Septien made 19 of 28 field-goal tries and 42 of 43 extra points. Punter Mike Saxon was impressive as a rookie (41.9-yard average).

Says Landry: "We have to build on the chemistry that enabled us to come back from embarrassing defeats and win the East."

That and the offensive philosophy Paul Hackett will introduce.

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Cowboy tight end Doug Cosbie favors a hands-off policy on gridiron matters.



It did not take too very long for Tony Nathan to put his athletic priorities in order when he arrived at the University of Alabama after a brilliant high school career in Birmingham.

His college coach was Paul "Bear" Bryant, who told him right off what would be expected of him. "Coach Bryant made it real clear," Nathan says. "He said there weren't gonna be any lightnin' bugs on his team. And there weren't. You became a part of the team."

Eight years after he left Alabama for the Miami Dolphins, Nathan still has his priorities in proper perspective. He has never been a "lightnin' bug" in the pros, either. But year after year, in big game after big game, Nathan has developed a reputation as the man the Dolphins rely on with a football game on the line.

There is no question that Nathan is the most unsung Dolphin. That's not surprising with Dan Marino, Mark Duper and Mark Clayton around.

He goes about his work quietly with little fanfare. Let Marcus Allen and Eric Dickerson make the commercials. Let Walter Payton and Joe Montana get the headlines. But let Tony Nathan get the tough yards, make the big catch, score the winning touchdown.

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But when the 1985 season ended, there was Nathan, leading his team in rushing, carrying 143 times for 667 yards. He was also the leading receiver with 72 catches for 651 yards. One more catch would have tied him for the team record set by Clayton the previous season.

"No, it doesn't really bother me that I don't get much publicity," Nathan says. "When you've got people like Marino, you perform in a vacuum. But I like it that way. Those guys have to live up to big expectations. Meanwhile, I just go to work every day and do my job. Anything I can contribute is a plus."

One of Nathan's biggest boosters is Miami Coach Don Shula.

"I think people are aware of his versatility," Shula says. "Tony does it all and has been doing it all for a long time. He'll drop a ball or fumble once in a while, but he's involved in so many plays."

Despite the praise, Nathan knows that in recent seasons he has gone to training camp faced with the challenge of beating out a publicized high-round draft choice.

Nathan does not have great speed, and it seems that Shula is constantly on the search for a breakaway back who can fly. Last year, in fact, he told Nathan to brush up on the fullback position in the off-season because the Dolphins had plans for top draft choice Lorenzo Hampton, who contributed only 369 yards on 105 carries with a 15-yard gain his longest.

"At first it bothered me," Nathan says. "But I've come to look at it as an attempt to give me some help. I don't resent it, as long as they do what they think is right for the team."

"I know this: I'm not giving my job away. I'm the kind of person who thrives on competition. Bring somebody in and let them try to beat me out. It makes me work that much harder, and it gives me that much more satisfaction when I do play. If they ask me to play fullback, that's fine, too. The more things you can do, the better off you are."

Nathan thought he had finally met his match a few years ago when Shula acquired David Overstreet, the type of quick back the Dolphins had been seeking since Mercury Morris left in the mid-1970s.

Nathan and Overstreet became friendly competitors. Overstreet had played with Miami one year when he was killed in an automobile accident before the start of the 1984 season.

On the day Overstreet died, Nathan was on his way to visit Marty Lyons of the New York Jets, a teammate at Alabama. When the first news of the accident was

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In his three seasons as a pro, Dan Marino's statistics are all but fantastic—98 touchdown passes, for example.

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broadcast, the player was not identified. It was reported only that a Miami Dolphin running back had died.

"My family thought it was me," Nathan says. "When I reached Marty's house, he was waiting outside and gave me a bear hug. I called my family and told them I was fine. It made me think; it made me reassess my values.

"Now I just take everything in stride. When you see what happened to David, you realize football is only a game. I don't worry about whether I'm going to get the ball 25 times or five times. Somehow, that doesn't seem important."

What is important to Nathan these days is his family and, as always, his football team. Though the Dolphins managed to make it to the AFC championship game before being eliminated by the Patriots, he was not especially happy with his performance during a season when Miami's running attack struggled.

There were many problems, among which was Marino's holdout that forced him to miss preseason games. But Nathan makes no excuses.

"We had injuries, offensively and defensively, all year," Nathan says. "People were coming in that you're not used to playing with. Some said we didn't seem to have the same intensity as the year before (when Miami won the AFC title), but you can always find an excuse if you look for one.

"We made a lot of mistakes, too. I know I fumbled more than I ever had, and I dropped more passes than ever. The coaches said I had 18 drops and I believe it. I should have had that receiving record, but it will make me work that much harder this year.

"I still think we were much better than we were given credit for. We were 5-4 at one point, but we won our last seven games. Then we won another in the playoffs and were just one game away from the Super Bowl. The thing was, we had trouble playing well for 60 minutes. We'd have a bad half, then a good half.

"You can blame Marino's holdout but that wasn't it. It was many things. I guess my problem was lack of concentration. I've always had the philosophy that either way, whether you catch a ball or drop it, you're gonna get hit. So you might as well catch the thing and take your licks. Maybe I tried to do too much, maybe I was too eager to get it downfield. But it won't happen again.

"When I was in college, I used to carry a football around with me all the time, took it everywhere. I don't do that now, but whenever I'm at home just sitting around, I'll take a ball and play catch with it. Throw it up to the ceiling and catch it or play catch with the kids. I won't drop the ball this season."

There is little reason to believe the Dolphins will not be a dominant force in the AFC East again this year.

The strength of this team is obvious. Marino has been the most prolific passer in the game in his first three seasons, and there should be more of the same. Despite the absence of Duper with a leg injury for more than half the season, Marino still was the fourth-leading passer in the AFC and threw for more yards (4,137) and more touchdowns (30) than any quarterback in the league. In three years, he has already completed 873 of 1,427 passes (61 percent) for 11,431 yards and 98 touchdowns.

Clayton, with 70 catches, and Nathan were Marino's favorite targets, and the tight end triumvirate of Joe Rose, Bruce Hardy and Dan Johnson had a combined total of 71 catches for more than 900 yards and 11 touchdowns.

Veteran wide receiver Nat Moore staved off retirement with 51 catches for 701 yards and seven touchdowns, falling one reception short of his previous career high in his 12th season. If Duper can regain his health, the Dolphins should again have the most explosive passing combination in the NFL.

The same cannot be said for the running game, which hasn't been a Dolphin strength for several years. Still, Shula is hoping that Hampton or Joe Carter can be more productive, and if not, that Nathan will take up the slack. There was no question about the productivity of rookie fullback Ron Davenport, who scored 13 touchdowns, 11 on the run.

The offensive line was plagued by a series

of injuries, but even so, Marino was the best-protected quarterback in the NFL, getting sacked only 18 times. Center Dwight Stephenson may be the best in the league at his position, and guard Roy Foster was a Pro Bowl selection. If the team can overcome injuries to guard Ed Newman and tackle Cleveland Green, the running game will be that much more formidable.

The biggest problem last year was defending against the run, and never was that more obvious than in the AFC title game against the Patriots. The loss of nose tackle Bob Baumhower to injury was a key factor in the defensive woes, though Mike Charles filled in adequately and had seven sacks.

Doug Betters and Kim Bokamper, the starting defensive ends, were not up to their usual standards. The play of the linebackers also left a bit to be desired, though Shula made the trade of the year in acquiring Hugh Green from Tampa Bay. Inside linebackers Mark Brown and Jackie Shipp were the leading tacklers against the run, but on a team that ranked 23rd against the rush and 23rd in total defense, that's not saying a great deal.

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The secondary underwent a shakeup. Free safety Lyle Blackwood lost his starting role to Bud Brown and Don McNeal lost his cornerback job to Paul Lankford. The Dolphins have always been known as fierce hitters in the secondary, and Blackwood saw plenty of action as the nickel back. That won't change much.

Miami will have to improve its defense if it is to gain a berth in the Super Bowl, where it has played five times in Shula's 16 years as Miami's coach. His record in the NFL is 255-99-6.

Special teams were much improved, particularly with the addition of rookie kicker Fuad Reveiz, a seventh-round choice from Tennessee who missed only five of his 27 attempts, three from 50 yards or more. He was the AFC's fourth-leading scorer with 116 points.

Punter Reggie Roby ranked second in the NFL to Indianapolis' Rohn Stark with a 43.7 average. Hampton was a fine kickoff return man with 1,020 yards and a 22.7 average, good for seventh in the AFC.

"We've got every right to think we can go all the way in 1986," says Nathan, ever the optimist. "We have the players and the best coach in football."

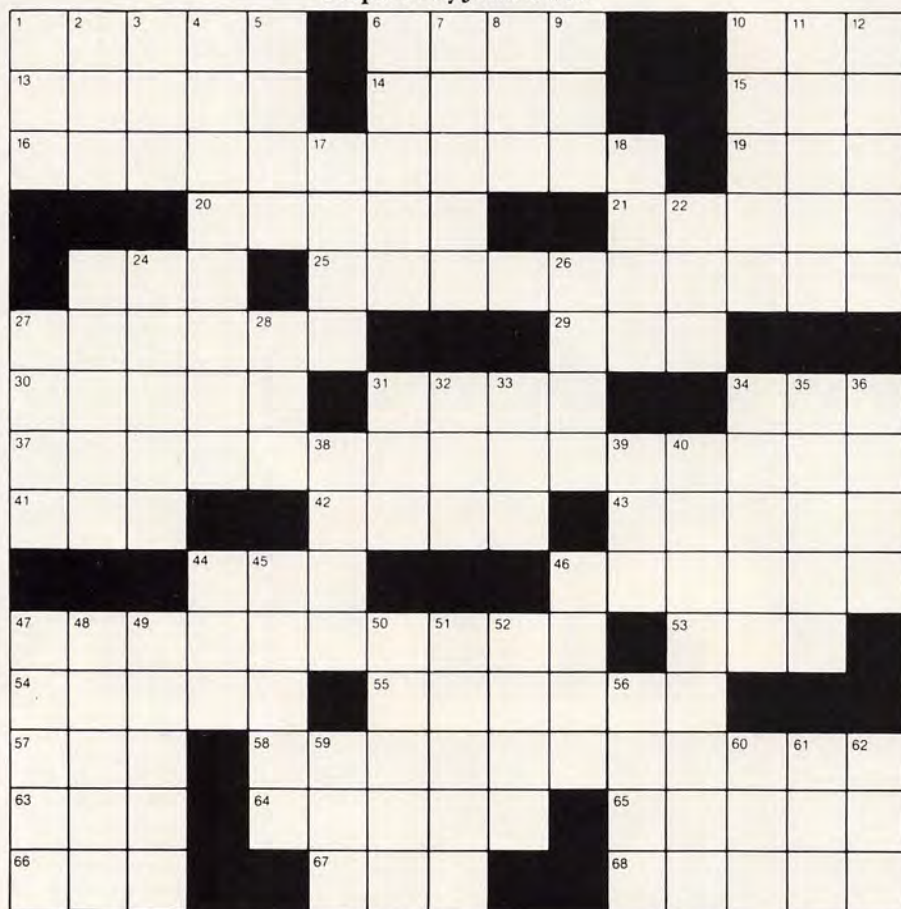
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Pairing up: Mark Duper (85, above) and Mark Clayton (83) are two of Marino's chief targets; linebacker Hugh Green (55, left) and free safety Bud Brown (43) make a tough tackling tandem.

Putting You to the Test

Prepared by John Owen



A hard-to-stop Bronko (14 across)



What was his nickname (42 across)?

ACROSS

1. He coached Floyd Little
6. What linemen say after fourth and goal
10. Initials of Nebraska school that sent Milford "Dub" Miller to Bears
13. What the Bears had in Super Bowl XX
14. Nobody ---- the Bronko named Nagurski
15. The Cowboys' Jim Cooper was an --- in college
16. Ex-Ram talked his way into Super Bowl
19. Where players are (at) whose bells are rung
20. What fans sometimes do during a blowout
21. BYU tackle played for Cardinals, Lions
23. Cable that carries "Inside the NFL"
25. GM of the AFC champions is one of the -----
27. Rookies sing a lot of them at training table
29. Defensive battle cry: "---- that football!"
30. Time span between games
31. When Dolphins play Seattle they travel ----
34. In football lingo, the side away from the play
37. Patriots got a Super Shock when they bumped up against this
41. Another name for AstroTurf: "Mod_--"
42. They called Elroy Hirsch "Crazy ----"
43. Pun: If FG specialist Del Greco were a singer, they'd call him ----
44. What nose guard says when he reaches the QB
46. If Marcus Allen were a racehorse, he'd get a 130-pound -----
47. Former Bear DE inducted in Hall of Fame in 1982
53. Scouting abbreviation for athlete who played end in prep school
54. Quarterback for Broncos, Bengals in 1970s

55. What most USFL teams heard when signals were barked in the spring (two words)
57. Monday night broadcasting team
58. This Raider receiver caught 82 in '85
63. What British-born Seahawk Owen Gill calls a shutout
64. Center, QB and tailback are the ----- of a team
65. First name of ex-Bengal wide receiver Curtis
66. Female abbreviation for New Orleans nickname
67. In letter writing, this is equivalent of a second "audible"
68. First name of ex-Giant running back Falaschi

DOWN

1. Coaching lingo for strong-side linebacker
2. First name of ex-Cleveland all-star Gibron
3. Otto Graham wore the first --- face mask
4. The 1973 Oilers, 1942 Lions qualified for this team (two words)
5. Passing stats: number, length, interceptions, efficiency
6. Utah college town produced great pros
7. What offensive linemen try to create
8. New England's Reynolds and Williams are both ---
9. Nobody ever called Perry "----"
10. Paul and Dave played for the same Buffalo team
11. End who played for Rams, Patriots, Chargers
12. Elway was the ----- of the Class of '83
17. Snares, catches, grabs
18. How many games 1972 Dolphins lost
22. "The Toe" was an --- nickname for Groza
23. Halas was known to players as "----- must be obeyed" (two words)

24. It isn't true in the NFL that success will ----- success
26. What quarterbacks called Alzado
27. How much Coke can "The Refrigerator" hold?
28. You have to --- out each first down against Bears
31. Allen and Riggs --- NFL rushing champions
32. What Seahawks called Bob Newton
33. Bobby Conrad and Mike Clark were Texas ---
34. Jim and Gus were Oakland -----
35. A football for toddlers is a ----- ball
36. Coaches do this a lot
38. Area from scrimmage line eight yards downfield
39. Eric Dickerson is one
40. Hall of Fame Giant Tuffy Leemans' real name
44. What big-city pros call cow-college grads
45. Hold the ball too long and it might -----
46. Alma maters of Giants' Karl Nelson and Steelers' Pete Rostovsky (2 abbrev.)
47. Among NFL coaches, this describes Landry, Shula
48. Where Warren Moon puts the football
49. Bears made Patriots holler "-----"
50. Emil played linebacker for Chargers
51. Where bonus money goes if you don't have tax shelter
52. Cardinals live here
56. Giants' Hall of Famer
59. During the 1920s pro football wasn't --- yet
60. What they called ex-Giant guard Salvatore Marone
61. Major air carrier for NFL east teams
62. Heisman Trophy winner Frank Sinkwich quit Lions to become WW II Army ---

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The Year the Bears Stole the Super Bowl

by Skip Bayless

It's nearly impossible for the players to live up to the Super Bowl. After two weeks of nuclear buildup, the world ends and the Super Bowl begins. It is no place for mere 290-pound mortals. Three, two, one, liftoff: The Game.

Halley's Comet (minus 11 points) vs. the Starship Enterprise.

But last January in New Orleans, something strange and wonderful happened to Super Bowl XX. It was played, appropriately, in a Superdome that looks like a giant spaceship that has touched down on the edge of downtown. You imagined another form of life wanting a closer look at what the Chicago Bears and their fans were doing to The Game. Surely other planets were curious about the UFRs (Unidentified Flying Refrigerators). No doubt the noise echoed through distant galaxies as weaving mobs of earthlings wearing "Rozelle" headbands and No. 72 jerseys did the *Super Bowl Shuffle* down a street called Bourbon.

Anybody got E.T. (extra tickets)?

Bears fans dominated Bourbon Street the way their team did The Week and The Game. In fact, their Bears did something perhaps no team ever has or will: They upstaged the Super Bowl.

They put message headbands on it and stuck acupuncture needles in it and mooned it and spat Skoal on it and danced on it and finally chugged it, 46-10, the way they did beer on Bourbon Street. Several Bears actually predicted they would shut out the New England Patriots. Several more ignored curfew. Many Bears used the international media stage to promote their rap record/music video, the *Super Bowl Shuffle*, an intoxicating rhythm that reverberated from every T-shirt shop and strip joint on Bourbon.

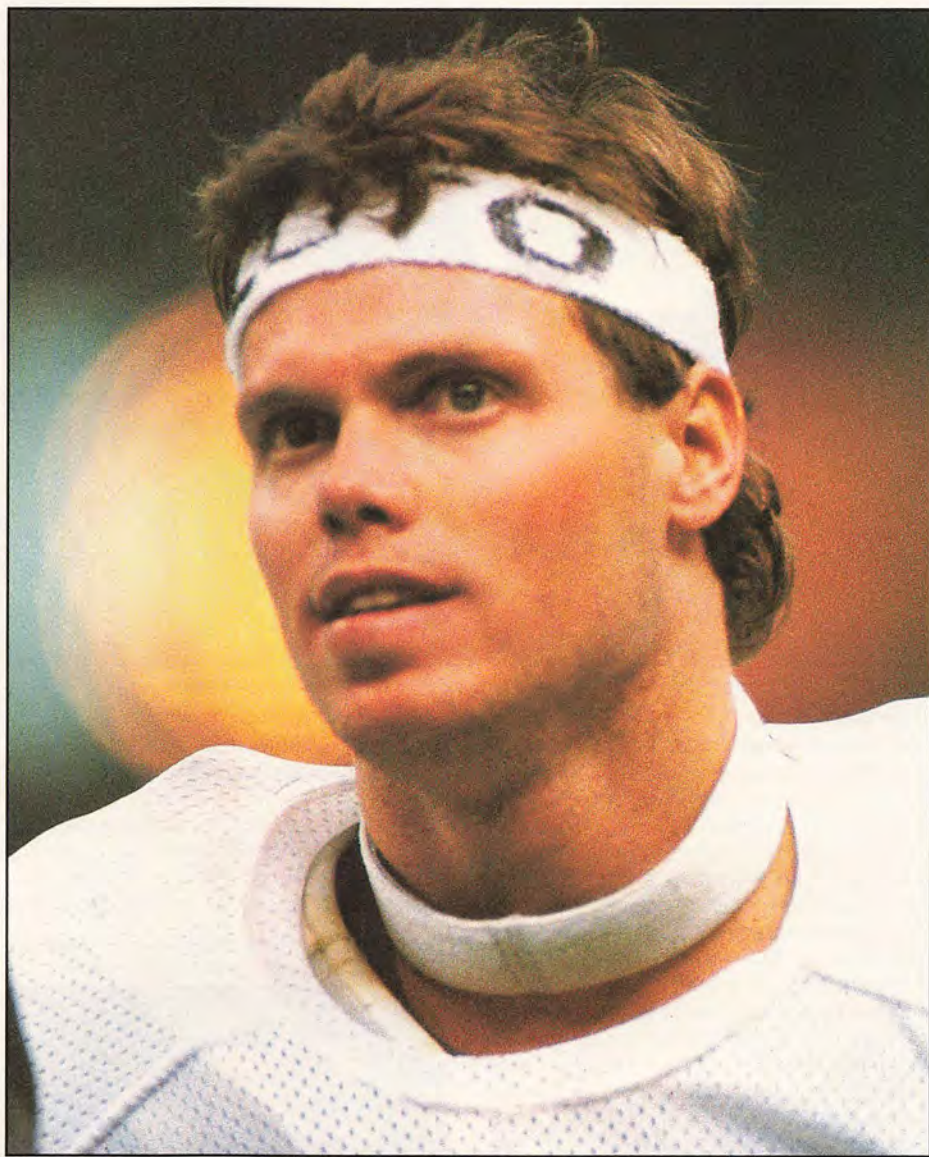
We're so bad we know we're good...

Was this any way to treat a Super Bowl? Will next year's Super be televised by MTV? When the going gets tough, the tough go to Bourbon Street? The Bears (up to 11-point favorites) did for overconfidence what Rodney Dangerfield did for no respect: They made it a rage.

When The Game was over, Bears quarterback Jim McMahon sniffed and said, "Man, it felt like any other game."

Earth to Bears: Will the NFL (National Parity League) ever be the same?

It was Thursday night, just three before The Game. McMahon took some of his offensive linemen, his lawyer and even a Chicago sports



Jim McMahon's headbands were the rage, this one—Pluto—for a tumor-stricken ex-teammate.

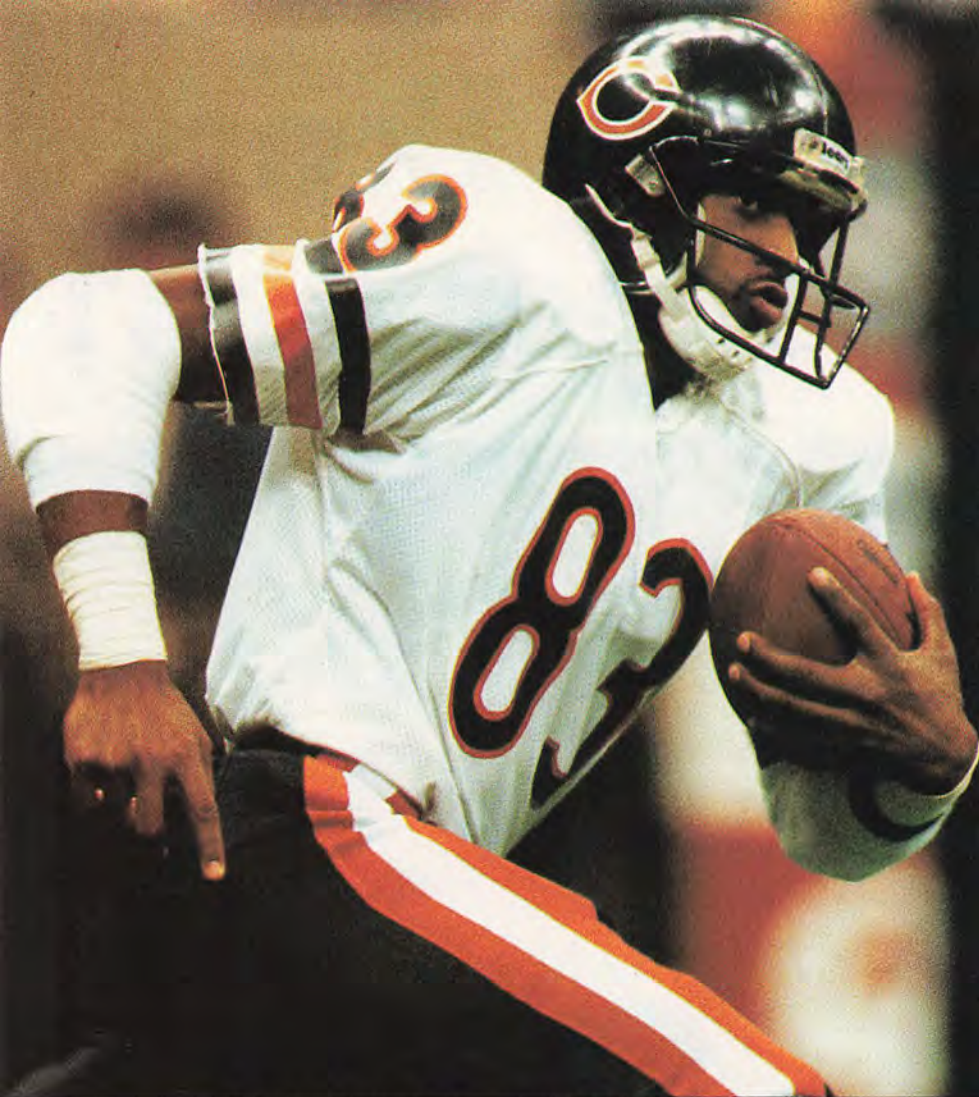
columnist to a nice, quiet riot of a bar on Bourbon Street. McMahon had been keeping a low profile through Super Week. "Just acting normal" was how he described his subdued behavior.

On Monday, just after the Bears landed, McMahon told the massed media that "it should be a big story" that Bears management hadn't allowed an acupuncturist named Hiroshi Shiriashi to fly down with the team. Mc-

Mahon said he wouldn't be able to play without the needle treatment. He appeared to take mischievous pleasure in saying on national TV that he had "a pain in the ---." He had been bruised while sliding for a first down in Chicago's 24-0 freeze-out of the L.A. Rams in the NFC championship game.

Tuesday morning, Bears management made sure Shiriashi was Super Bowl bound. By Tuesday afternoon, Shiriashi was a house-

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With Willie Gault and other receivers, the Bears run to long gainers.

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hold name in America. Tuesday night on Bourbon Street, McMahon threatened to punch out a newspaper photographer. McMahon admitted to the altercation at Wednesday morning's press conference, to which he wore a satiny Adidas ballcap; red, white and blue Adidas sunglasses with braided straps; a New Wave stars-on-stripes Adidas softball jersey; red, white and blue Adidas tights and Adidas sneakers without Adidas socks. McMahon punctuated his comments by spitting tobacco juice in one of the hotel's crystal goblets. McMahon talked about how much he hated talking to the media but said he sure hoped Adidas "sells a lot of this stuff."

It was as if McMahon were saying, "Man, do I have to do another press conference and make another million?" For the media, McMahon was becoming a pain.

At Wednesday afternoon's practice, McMahon mooned a hovering helicopter. Jim McMoon? Grin and Bear (or bare) it? Thursday night, a New Orleans TV sportscaster blasted McMahon for calling the women of New Orleans "sluts." It turned out that this was one thing McMahon did *not* do, and the TV guy apologized on the air and was suspended. But that wasn't until after several bomb threats were received at the Bears' hotel, which was

stormed by SWAT teams and picketed by New Orleans women wearing "McWho?" headbands.

By Thursday night, it seemed as if everyone on Bourbon Street were wearing a designer headband. This trend also was inspired by our man McMahon. McMahon, remember, is a

The high point of Mike Ditka's year was defeating New England for the world championship.



non-Mormon who says he "was on probation the whole time I was at BYU."

You can pretty much bet your Super Bowl ring that whatever McMahon isn't supposed to do, he will. He wasn't supposed to wear his Adidas headband during games, because NFL Commissioner Pete Rozelle doesn't want players turning into billboards. McMahon wore it anyway in Chicago's 21-0 playoff icing of the New York Giants, and Rozelle fined him \$5,000. So the following Sunday, just before the kickoff, McMahon Magic-Marked "Rozelle" on a plain headband and wore his Adidas headband less conspicuously around his neck.

Rozelle said he "got a kick out of it." He may have wished he had royalties on all the "Rozelle" headbands sold in New Orleans, if not Chicago or New York.

So there sat McMahon with his buddies on Thursday night. Suddenly, he slammed down his mug and said, "Hey, do you realize what night this is?" Each Thursday night during the season, McMahon took out his linemen for beers. McMahon, devoted father of two, also is a lineman of a quarterback who loves to run the ball and butt heads with his blockers after scoring and share slurps with them on Thursday nights.

"Forget curfew," McMahon said, actually using another verb. He and his linemen arrived back at the hotel at 4 a.m. on Super Bowl Friday.

Yet by Super Sunday, McMahon was in good enough shape to complete 12 of 20 passes for 256 yards without an interception. He sneaked for one touchdown and—heaven help us—ran an option play right over Patriots linebacker Larry McGrew for another. McMahon rain-bowed a pass to sprinter/actor/singer Willie Gault for 60 yards and radar-gunned deep-outs to Gault and Ken Margerum.

Frankly, McMahon's headbands overshadowed his arm, which was right up there with Bradshaw's and Namath's. McMahon wore several different headbands lettered with causes ("POW-MIA," for example) and one that said "Pluto," the nickname of his former BYU teammate Dan Plater, suffering from a brain tumor.

But the MVP crown was worn by defensive end Richard Dent (two tackles, one assist, one and a half sacks).

Frankly, McMahon deserved the award *because* of his behavior, which probably cost him some media votes. For years, the Bears have had a good defense, but no quarterback, no leader, no Chicago-style Staubach. McMahon is that. Without him, they wouldn't have won The Whole Thing. Remember what happened when McMahon missed the previous season's NFC title game? San Francisco 23, Chicago 0.

McMahon, and not Coach Mike Ditka, ran the Bears' offense. McMahon set the tone for

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a team that partied hard and practiced and played harder. Through Super Week, McMahon knew exactly what he was doing. He was selling athletic wear and keeping his team loose. He was a diversion, not a distraction. He actually created more New Waves than Hollywood Henderson or John Matuszak or John Riggins did before their Supers.

In the end, so to speak, McMahon was a pain for the Patriots.

Wednesday morning, New Orleans Hilton. Another Bears media session. Wait, who's that gray-haired, bespectacled little Refrigerator over there? Hey, that's defensive coordinator Buddy Ryan. Assistant coaches never have had their own ballroom tables during these things.

Ah, but the galaxy never had seen a 46 defense, better known as the Buddy System. Ryan had been hammering away on it in his lab since before Ditka was hired as head coach in 1982. Simply put, it's an eight-man front that often requires the cornerbacks to play bump-and-run, man-to-man coverage, unless middle linebacker Mike "Samurai" Singletary drops or outside linebackers Otis Wilson or Wilber Marshall line up on the same side or . . .

Suffice it to say, the NFL hasn't seen anything quite like the 46, particularly as played by some of the quickest, strongest, fiercest, cockiest defenders this side of Rambo. The razor-tongued Ryan humiliated them so many times in practice that they began doing the same thing to their foes. And with two minutes left in the Super, the 46 defense surrounded Bears President Michael McCaskey on the sideline and vowed they'd never be the same if McCaskey let Ryan take a head-coaching job.

All the 46 did to New England was hold it to seven net rushing yards, easily a Super record, and help create six Patriots turnovers that contributed mightily to Chicago's Super record 46 (how appropriate) points and record margin of victory. For New England, it was one if by land, two if by ambulance. For Chicago, it quickly became a Boston tee-off party. Did the Bears ever put the Al Hirt on the Pats!

The 46 dominated a Super Bowl the way no defense has, and it did so without starters Al Harris and Todd Bell, who sat out the season over contract disputes. In fact, MVP Dent had threatened to boycott the Super Bowl because of a contract impasse.

But Dent said he had a dream he would win MVP, so he helped force two first-quarter fumbles that twice gave the Bears the ball on the Patriots' 13. That's like spotting Rambo two grenades.

Afterward, the Bears kept reminding us that they are the NFL's youngest team. "Dynasty!" they kept saying through the victory-cigar smoke.

But the celebrants didn't know that Ryan had agreed to become Philadelphia's head

coach. Ten-four, good Buddy. Ten-four, 46?

During training camp, Buddy Ryan did a huge (so to speak) favor for a 308-pound rookie named William Perry. Ryan called the defensive tackle "Fatso" and "a wasted (first-round) draft choice," creating national curiosity. In the season's seventh game, Mike Ditka did Perry an even bigger favor. He lined up The Refrigerator, as Perry was called at Clemson, at full-back. No. 72 actually scored from a yard out.

Two weeks later, Perry actually caught a four-yard TD pass. Soon, Perry actually had a nickname—Fridge—for his nickname. America had gone banana-splits over the Fridge, otherwise known as the Galloping Roast or the Crisco Kid. Here was a lovable, gap-toothed teddy bear of a Bear. Perry did the "Late Night with David Letterman" show, along with TV commercials for McDonald's and Coke.

"While our unbeaten streak grew (to 12)," Ditka said during Super Week, "Perry helped take the pressure off."

And for that, Ditka rewarded Perry in the Super Bowl. With the score 3-3, Fridge actually swept right and looked to throw an option pass, which unfortunately was covered. In the third quarter, Ditka actually called Perry's number

instead of Walter Payton's for a one-yard TD plunge. As he came off the field, Payton, who didn't score and gained 61 yards on 22 carries, actually looked as if he had lost the Super Bowl he long had dreamed of experiencing.

"And Walter *should* be upset," McMahon said. "I just hope that next year Mike (Ditka) keeps Perry on defense."

And we, of course, hope differently.

It's really too bad the Bears didn't get another shot at Miami, which gave them their lone loss in Week 13, 38-24, in the Orange Bowl. For the Bears, Miami quarterback Dan Marino was kryptonite with his quick drop, quicker release and even quicker receivers. What the mild-card Patriots did best—run—the Bears stopped ice-coldest.

It also was too bad that the day after 46-10, New England Coach Raymond Berry confirmed for *The Boston Globe* that four starters and several other Patriots had used drugs (mostly recreationally) during the season. How many Americans thought, "So that's why they got beat so badly?" That wasn't the reason. The Bears were.

As late as 1982, Mike Ditka was an assistant offensive coach for the Dallas Cowboys. That meant low man on Coach Tom Landry's corporate ladder. And that's why some Chicago writers speculated that George "Papa Bear" Halas had gone senile when he hired Ditka.

Halas, who helped found the NFL and who coached the Bears for generations, died a year later at 88.

Had he lived, Halas would have chewed out Ditka the way Ditka chews gum one September Sunday in 1984. That was the day Ditka tried to out-Landry Landry by not running Payton in the second half. Payton gained nearly all his total 155 yards in the first half. Dallas won 23-14.

"That's when I quit trying to impress you (media) people," Ditka said.

Halas didn't really hire Ditka to coach. McMahon pretty much coached the offense, Ryan the defense, and Ditka served as the snarling hood ornament for one big, bad machine. Ditka was the link with the Halas past. Ditka played tight end for the 1963 team that won the NFL title. "That team," says Landry, "made this one look like pansies."

Ditka is the guy who set an unofficial NFL record for keeping a team maniacally motivated for 19 straight games. Ditka was the main reason that yet another Chicago team (Bears, Cubs, White Sox, Bulls, Blackhawks) did not blow the Big One. Ditka helped turn the Munsters back into the Monsters of the Midway.

But he didn't do it with x's and o's. What, no "genius" coach winning the Super Bowl? Busted curfews? Bourbon Street Jim?

For once, the Super Bowl didn't live up to its winner.

MVP Richard Dent broke up Pat plays.



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Craig James doesn't think much about the crushing defeat his New England Patriots suffered against the Chicago Bears in the Super Bowl.

"The whole season was the greatest experience of my life," James was saying after the debacle in New Orleans. "It was so much fun, the whole year, really, after we got it turned around. Then we won all those playoff games and went to New Orleans. I'm not going to let one bad game spoil it for me. No way. Why dwell on the negative?"

James prefers to dwell on the positive after a circuitous route to the championship game.

Three years ago, fresh from an outstanding senior season at Southern Methodist, where he teamed up with Eric Dickerson, James was the fourth player selected in the first draft held by the fledgling United States Football League.

"The whole season was the greatest experience of my life. . . It was so much fun, the whole year, really, after we got it turned around."

He signed a four-year contract worth approximately \$2 million. He was the only genuine superstar on the Washington Federals. Before the season, he made public appearances and sold tickets.

Then, during the season, for the first time in James' career, he suffered a serious injury, a slight fracture of the upper dorsal spine that kept him out of four games. Still, he came back to play and finished his first season as the team's leading rusher.

In the second game of the following season, James strained knee ligaments. By then, the Federals were having serious financial problems. Quietly, James' representatives contacted the New England Patriots, and a deal was struck that would allow him to be put on waivers and thus free to jump to the NFL. New England had picked the running back in the seventh round of the 1983 NFL draft.

The Patriots, coached in 1984 by Ron Meyer, James' coach at SMU, signed him in April that year. He became the first player to switch from the new league to the old.

"I'd do it again," James says of his decision to start his career in the USFL. "I took a chance that the league could go and make it. Berl Bernhard (the Federals owner) is as good a man as there is. He was a great man to work for. Plus I couldn't turn down the money."

At New England, James was concerned about potential problems, as was Meyer. James did not want to be perceived as the coach's pet and went to considerable lengths to avoid becoming a problem, even though he felt he should have been playing from the start. James also knew Meyer could not appear to show favoritism by benching Tony Collins, who was coming off a Pro Bowl 1000-yard season.

So mostly, James sat on the bench, playing only on third-down passing situations. "It was frustrating, because I knew I should have been on the field," he says. "I understood the situation, though. Meyer was worried about favoritism. He didn't want to create any more controversy than there already was. So I sat."

Meyer was fired midway in the season and replaced by Raymond Berry, former Baltimore Colt star receiver. In Berry's first game as head coach, James started the second half, gained 79 yards on 10 carries and earned a starting spot for the rest of the year.

Before the 1985 season began, Berry decided to change the offense to a two-back system with James at fullback and Collins at tailback. James initially had reservations—"I didn't see myself as a blocker," he says—until Berry and the coaching staff told him he would get most of the ball-carrying load.

Clearly, they kept their word. James was the third-leading rusher in the AFC, gaining 1,227 yards on 263 carries (4.7 average). He also caught 27 passes for 360 yards, making him the third-leading all-purpose runner in the conference. He made the Pro Bowl and, once and for all, erased any doubt that he could play in the NFL.

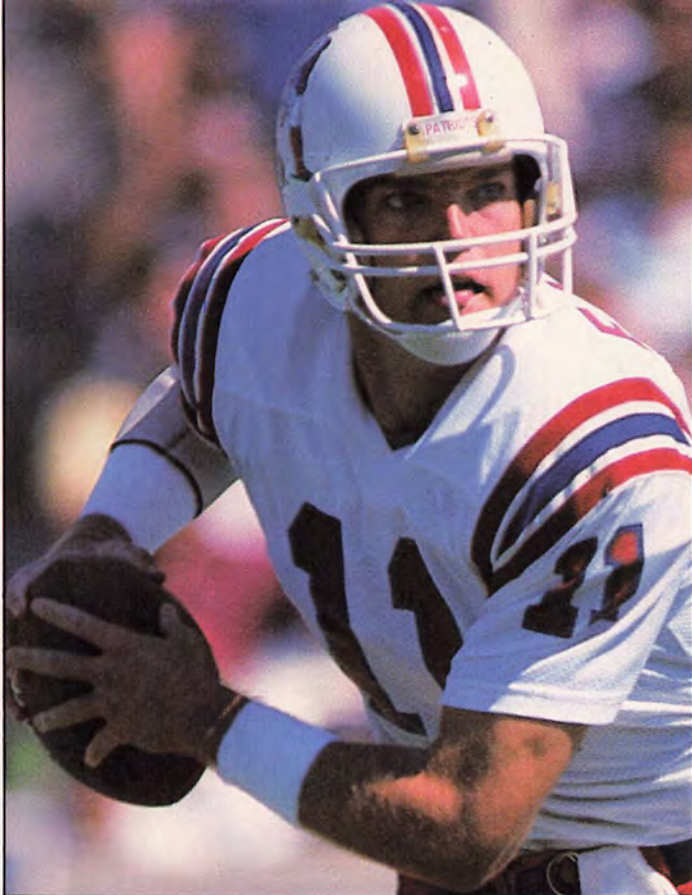
"If I had stayed in the USFL, I don't think my career would have lasted very long," James says. "Because I was hurt and because the team was losing so often, I was

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Patriots Coach Raymond Berry knows he can count on All-Pro linebacker Andre Tippett (above) and quarterback Tony Eason (right), but he's uncertain about offensive guard John Hannah (below). The All-Pro may consider retiring if surgery on his left knee leaves him unable to play up to his ability.



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losing some of my drive to excel. How can you have fun when you're beat up and playing for a loser?

"I know some people doubted my ability, but I never did. I always felt that if given the opportunity, I would excel in the NFL. And that's what happened last season, both for me and our team."

The season did not start off well for the Patriots. After five games, they were 2-3. Losses to the Raiders and Browns "got us kinda ticked off," James says. "Those were games we should have won. After the loss to Cleveland—we had first and goal at the 6 and couldn't score—many players went into the locker room upset. They were yelling and screaming at each other, just out of frustration. I guess you could say that game was like a slap in the face, because things got a whole lot better."

Indeed, the Patriots went on from that defeat to win their next six games as James became a major factor in their success.

In the first six games, Tony Eason started at quarterback, and the Patriots had difficulty moving the ball. When Eason was injured, he was replaced by veteran Steve Grogan. Suddenly the Patriots were a changed team.

"Steve knew our linemen liked to play power football," James says. "They liked to come off the ball and hit guys. So he called running plays. A lot of those plays had my number. Steve gave our offense an identity."

"Craig said he needed the ball," Grogan says, "so I thought I'd give it to him and see what he could do."

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Freeman McNeil has almost everything a man could want. Fast cars, fine horses, money in the bank. But there is still one thing missing.

"I would like to stay healthy and play a full 16-game season," McNeil says. "I'd like to see what would happen if I made it through a whole season without pain."

It has never happened for the gifted New York Jets running back. In four of his five NFL seasons, he has suffered injuries that forced him to the sidelines. His 1982 season was shortened by the players' strike. And yet he has had a productive career, leading the NFL in rushing in 1982, making two Pro Bowl appearances (1982 and 1985) and leading the '85 Jets to a playoff berth and their best record since the 1968 Super Bowl season.

"He uses his whole frame to employ his moves. That's why it throws him off if he gets hurt. He needs everything."

McNeil doesn't fit the usual football cliches. He is bright, introspective and tries to avoid the spotlight that shines on New York superstars. Still, he wonders what might have been if he hadn't suffered an ankle injury that sidelined him for two games and caused him great pain down the stretch.

"I was having a great season until I was hurt," McNeil says. "After that, it was totally frustrating. When I came back from the injury, I had lost my timing, the mesh with my teammates. I had to do other things to help out. I became a better blocker. I had to catch some passes. But I just could not run the way I wanted to."

When McNeil is healthy, he is among the game's most productive ball carriers—a dependable game-breaker.

Offensive tackle Marvin Powell, whom the Jets cut in May, says, "He has the ability to see a block, to set up a transition of events one or two seconds before it's going to take place."

Coach Joe Walton adds, "He has great vision and he uses his whole frame to employ his moves. That's why it throws him off if he gets hurt. He needs everything."

"When I got hurt against Tampa," McNeil says, "I thought to myself, 'Oh no, not again.' It takes a lot out of you. It's like this: You're trying to build something with blocks, and you get to a point where you put on one more and it all falls down. Then you have to start all over again."

Still, there is a substantial foundation. McNeil (5-11, 212) is solidly built with great speed and make-you-miss moves. Last year, despite missing more than three games worth of playing time, he was the second-leading rusher in the AFC, with 1,331 yards in 294 attempts and a 4.5-yard per carry average. He also was second in the conference in total yards, with another 427 on 38 receptions.

Though injuries have cost McNeil 29 career starts, he has compiled more 100-yard games than any Jet running back. With 4,464 yards, he needs only 641 to become the team's all-time leading rusher.

"Anyone who doesn't think he is one of the two or three best backs in the league is woefully uninformed," says Powell.

"I never think in terms of who's the best," McNeil says. "The only way you tell that is by the statistics, and they change every season. Last year it was Marcus Allen. The year before it was Eric Dickerson."

"Don't get me wrong. Those guys deserve credit. They stayed healthy and they got through it. I'd like to think I can do the same thing. I still have a very positive attitude. One season, I'll go through all 16 games and people will see what I can do."

People have been focusing on Freeman McNeil ever since his days at Banning High in Wilmington, Calif., where he was coached by Chris Ferragamo, brother of NFL quarterback Vince Ferragamo.

"I remember the first day Freeman showed up," Chris Ferragamo recalls. "He wanted to be an offensive lineman, but I took one look at his upper body and bow legs and decided he was a running back."

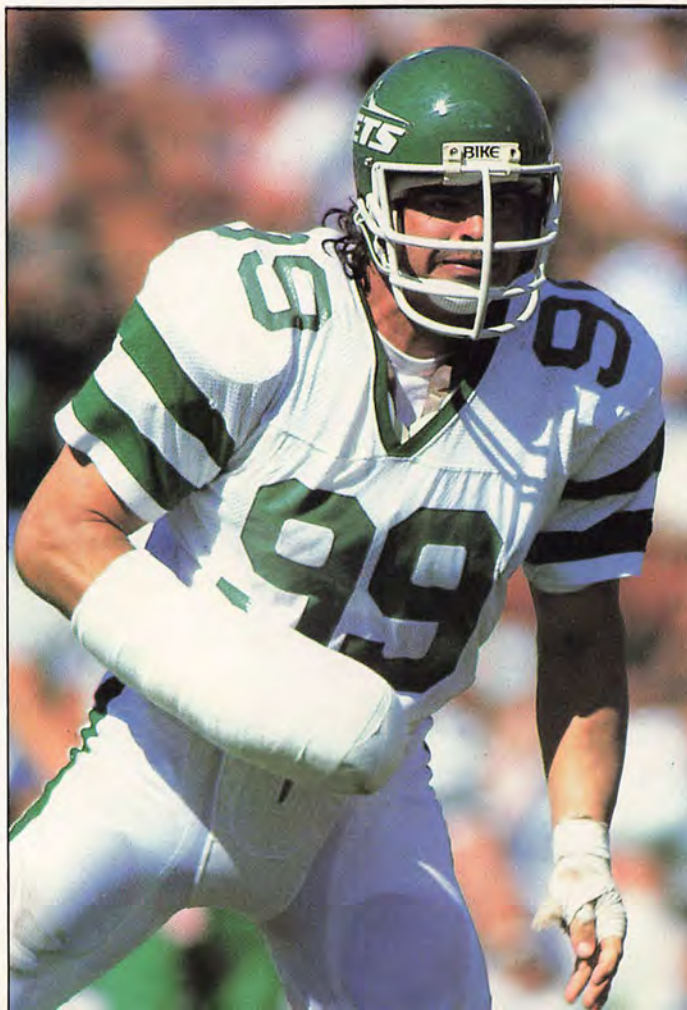
McNeil became a great high school player, scoring 27 touchdowns and rushing

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Ken O'Brien's (above) patience leads to a good many sacks, but he had a 61 percent completion ratio and 25 TDs last season. Defensive end Mark Gastineau (right) will be out to make the Pro Bowl for the sixth straight time.



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for 1,343 yards his senior year. "There were games when Freeman had 200 yards rushing at halftime," Ferragamo says. "He could have broken all the records. Instead he told me to put in the other kids."

McNeil went on to a brilliant career at UCLA and was the Jets' No. 1 choice in 1981, a pick that has paid dividends both on and off the field.

McNeil is a tireless charity worker. He lost his father at the age of 7 and has since become involved in the Big Brothers program on Long Island, working with boys who have also lost a parent.

"I know how hard that can be, so I do what I can to help," McNeil says. "I don't like to make a big thing of it. When people need aid, we should give it to them."

He also spends many hours working for Multiple Sclerosis, Students Against Drunk Drivers and Long Island Cares, an anti-hunger organization.

When a hurricane struck Long Island last fall, McNeil and Jets equipment manager Bill Hampton helped clear power lines.

"We'd see branches on the lines and we'd back up the truck and knock them off," McNeil says. "We also pushed someone's car that was stuck in the water. Little things like that."

McNeil also knows how to have a good time. He enjoys target practice, has two horses stabled near his Long Island home, and is an avid collector of antique and modern cars. But none of that, he claims, will mean much until he achieves a Super Bowl championship and a rushing title. There is little reason to believe that he can't accomplish both.

The Jets went from a 7-9 season in 1984 to an 11-5 finish last year, earning their first playoff spot under Walton.

"This isn't the end, it's just the beginning," Walton told the team after its 26-14 wild-card loss to the New England Patriots.

"We were all disappointed when it ended," he says. "But I'm proud of this team. We had a good year. We have the start of a new program, the nucleus of a good young team and a good mixture of veterans. We're headed in the right direction."

Walton was particularly pleased with the play of quarterback Ken O'Brien, a No. 1 draft choice three years ago who had his first starts late in 1984 as the replacement for injured starter Pat Ryan.

Last year, in what amounted to his rookie season, O'Brien led the AFC in passing, completing 61 percent of his throws for 3,888 yards and 25 touchdowns with only eight interceptions. His 96.2 rating led the league, making him the first Jets quarterback to hold that title.

O'Brien's tendency to hold the ball until the last second helped him avoid interceptions, but it also contributed to a league-leading 62 sacks.

If McNeil can stay healthy in 1986, the Jets will have no problems at running back. Without

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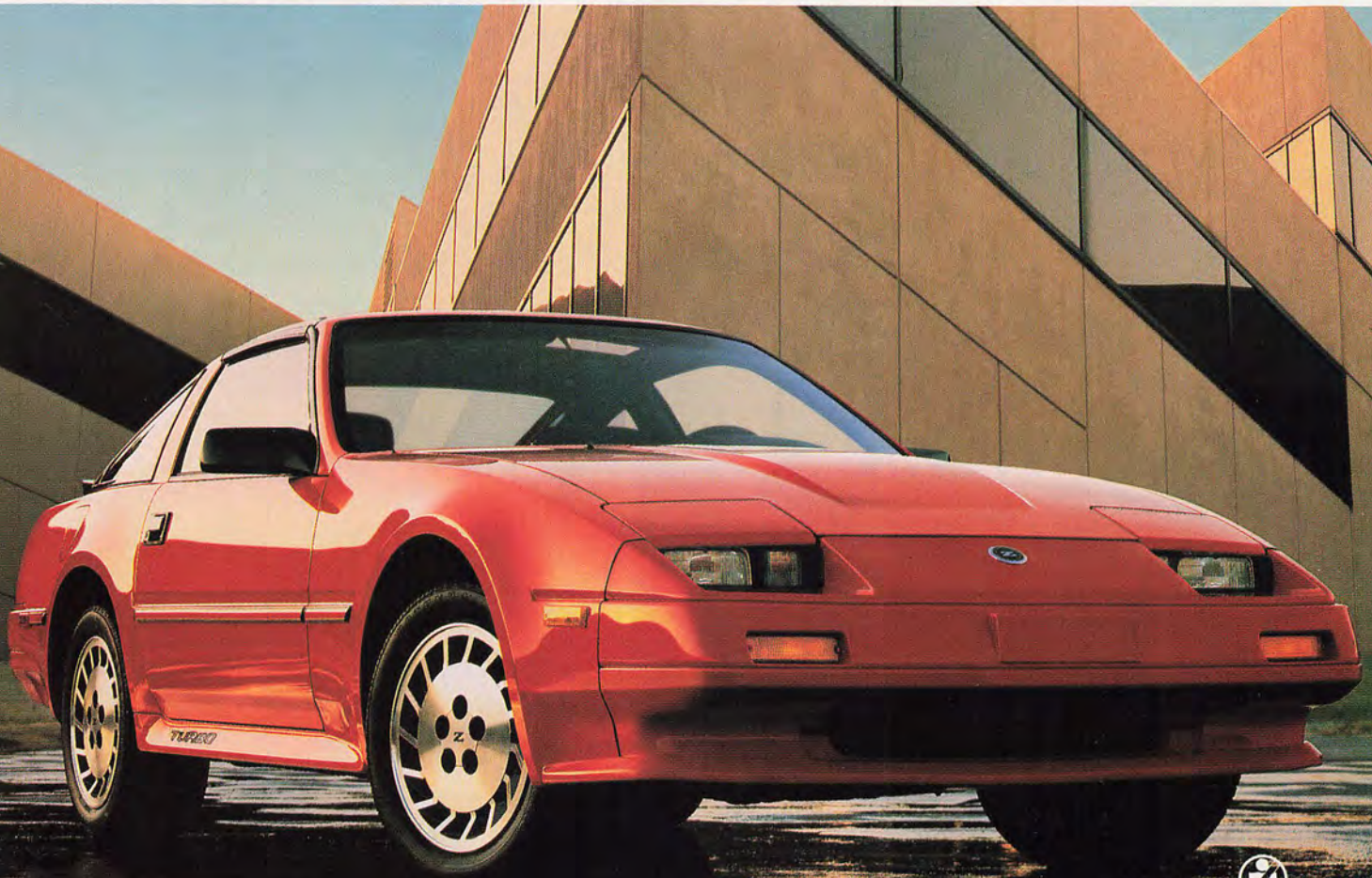
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EAST

Buffalo Bills

S. 7 NEW YORK JETS-4:00
S. 14 AT MIAMI-1:00
S. 21 ST. LOUIS-1:00
S. 28 KANSAS CITY-1:00
O. 5 AT NEW YORK JETS-4:00
O. 12 AT MIAMI-1:00
O. 19 INDIANAPOLIS-1:00
O. 26 NEW ENGLAND-1:00
N. 2 AT TAMPA BAY-1:00
N. 9 PITTSBURGH-1:00
N. 16 MIAMI-1:00
N. 23 AT NEW ENGLAND-1:00
N. 30 AT KANSAS CITY-12:00
D. 7 CLEVELAND-1:00
D. 14 AT INDIANAPOLIS-1:00
D. 21 AT HOUSTON-12:00

Indianapolis Colts

S. 7 AT NEW ENGLAND-4:00
S. 14 AT MIAMI-4:00
S. 21 LOS ANGELES RAMS-12:00
S. 28 NEW YORK JETS-3:00
O. 5 AT SAN FRANCISCO-1:00
O. 12 NEW ORLEANS-12:00
O. 19 AT BUFFALO-1:00
O. 26 MIAMI-1:00
N. 2 CLEVELAND-1:00
N. 9 NEW ENGLAND-1:00
N. 16 AT NEW YORK JETS-4:00
N. 23 AT HOUSTON-12:00
N. 30 SAN DIEGO-1:00
D. 7 AT ATLANTA-1:00
D. 14 BUFFALO-1:00
D. 21 AT LOS ANGELES RAIDERS-1:00

Miami Dolphins

S. 7 AT SAN DIEGO-1:00
S. 14 INDIANAPOLIS-4:00
S. 21 AT NEW YORK JETS-1:00
S. 28 SAN FRANCISCO-1:00
O. 5 AT NEW ENGLAND-1:00
O. 12 BUFFALO-1:00
O. 19 LOS ANGELES RAIDERS-1:00
O. 26 AT INDIANAPOLIS-1:00
N. 2 HOUSTON-1:00
N. 10 AT CLEVELAND (Mon.)-9:00
N. 16 AT BUFFALO-1:00
N. 24 NEW YORK JETS (Mon.)-9:00
N. 30 ATLANTA-1:00
D. 7 AT NEW ORLEANS-12:00
D. 14 AT LOS ANGELES RAMS-1:00
D. 22 NEW ENGLAND (Mon.)-9:00

New England Patriots

S. 7 INDIANAPOLIS-4:00
S. 11 AT NEW YORK JETS (Thurs.)-8:00
S. 21 SEATTLE-1:00
S. 28 AT DENVER-2:00
O. 5 MIAMI-1:00
O. 12 NEW YORK JETS-1:00
O. 19 AT PITTSBURGH-1:00
O. 26 AT BUFFALO-1:00
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N. 16 AT LOS ANGELES RAMS-1:00
N. 23 BUFFALO-1:00
N. 30 AT NEW ORLEANS-12:00
D. 7 CINCINNATI-1:00
D. 14 SAN FRANCISCO-1:00
D. 22 AT MIAMI (Mon.)-9:00

New York Jets

S. 7 AT BUFFALO-4:00
S. 11 NEW ENGLAND (Thurs.)-8:00
S. 21 MIAMI-1:00
S. 28 AT INDIANAPOLIS-3:00
O. 5 BUFFALO-4:00
O. 12 AT NEW ENGLAND-1:00
O. 20 DENVER (Mon.)-9:00
O. 26 NEW ORLEANS-1:00
N. 2 AT SEATTLE-1:00
N. 9 AT ATLANTA-1:00
N. 16 INDIANAPOLIS-4:00
N. 24 AT MIAMI (Mon.)-9:00
N. 30 LOS ANGELES RAMS-1:00
D. 7 AT SAN FRANCISCO-1:00
D. 13 PITTSBURGH (Sat.)-12:30
D. 21 AT CINCINNATI-1:00

CENTRAL

Cincinnati Bengals

S. 7 AT KANSAS CITY-3:00
S. 14 BUFFALO-1:00
S. 18 AT CLEVELAND (Thurs.)-8:00
S. 28 CHICAGO-1:00
O. 5 AT GREEN BAY-12:00
O. 13 PITTSBURGH (Mon.)-9:00
O. 19 HOUSTON-1:00
O. 26 AT PITTSBURGH-1:00
N. 2 AT DETROIT-1:00
N. 9 AT HOUSTON-12:00
N. 16 SEATTLE-1:00
N. 23 MINNESOTA-1:00
N. 30 AT DENVER-2:00
D. 7 AT NEW ENGLAND-1:00
D. 14 CLEVELAND-1:00
D. 21 NEW YORK JETS-1:00

Cleveland Browns

S. 7 AT CHICAGO-12:00
S. 14 AT HOUSTON-12:00
S. 18 CINCINNATI (Thurs.)-8:00
S. 28 DETROIT-1:00
O. 5 AT PITTSBURGH-1:00
O. 12 KANSAS CITY-1:00
O. 19 GREEN BAY-1:00
O. 26 AT MINNESOTA-12:00
N. 2 AT INDIANAPOLIS-1:00
N. 10 MIAMI (Mon.)-9:00
N. 16 AT LOS ANGELES RAIDERS-1:00
N. 23 PITTSBURGH-1:00
N. 30 HOUSTON-1:00
D. 7 AT BUFFALO-1:00
D. 14 AT CINCINNATI-1:00
D. 21 SAN DIEGO-1:00

Houston Oilers

S. 7 AT GREEN BAY-12:00
S. 14 CLEVELAND-12:00
S. 21 AT KANSAS CITY-3:00
S. 28 PITTSBURGH-12:00
O. 5 AT DETROIT-1:00
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O. 19 AT CINCINNATI-1:00
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N. 9 CINCINNATI-12:00
N. 16 AT PITTSBURGH-1:00
N. 23 INDIANAPOLIS-12:00
N. 30 AT CLEVELAND-1:00
D. 7 AT SAN DIEGO-1:00
D. 14 MINNESOTA-3:00
D. 21 BUFFALO-12:00

Pittsburgh Steelers

S. 7 AT SEATTLE-1:00
S. 15 DENVER (Mon.)-9:00
S. 21 AT MINNESOTA-12:00
S. 28 AT HOUSTON-12:00
O. 5 CLEVELAND-1:00
O. 13 AT CINCINNATI (Mon.)-9:00
O. 19 NEW ENGLAND-1:00
O. 26 CINCINNATI-1:00
N. 2 GREEN BAY-1:00
N. 9 AT BUFFALO-1:00
N. 16 HOUSTON-1:00
N. 23 AT CLEVELAND-1:00
N. 30 AT CHICAGO-12:00
D. 7 DETROIT-1:00
D. 13 AT NEW YORK JETS (Sat.)-12:30
D. 21 KANSAS CITY-1:00

WEST

Denver Broncos

S. 7 LOS ANGELES RAIDERS-2:00
S. 15 AT PITTSBURGH (Mon.)-9:00
S. 21 AT PHILADELPHIA-1:00
S. 28 NEW ENGLAND-2:00
O. 5 DALLAS-2:00
O. 12 AT SAN DIEGO-1:00
O. 20 AT NEW YORK JETS (Mon.)-9:00
O. 26 SEATTLE-2:00
N. 2 AT LOS ANGELES RAIDERS-1:00
N. 9 SAN DIEGO-2:00
N. 16 KANSAS CITY-2:00
N. 23 AT NEW YORK GIANTS-1:00
N. 30 CINCINNATI-2:00
D. 7 AT KANSAS CITY-12:00
D. 13 WASHINGTON (Sat.)-2:00
D. 20 AT SEATTLE (Sat.)-1:00

Kansas City Chiefs

S. 7 CINCINNATI-3:00
S. 14 AT SEATTLE-1:00
S. 21 HOUSTON-3:00
S. 28 AT BUFFALO-1:00
O. 5 LOS ANGELES RAIDERS-12:00
O. 12 AT CLEVELAND-1:00
O. 19 SAN DIEGO-3:00
O. 26 TAMPA BAY-12:00
N. 2 AT SAN DIEGO-1:00
N. 9 SEATTLE-12:00
N. 16 AT DENVER-2:00
N. 23 AT ST. LOUIS-3:00
N. 30 BUFFALO-12:00
D. 7 DENVER-12:00
D. 14 AT LOS ANGELES RAIDERS-1:00
D. 21 AT PITTSBURGH-1:00

Los Angeles Raiders

S. 7 AT DENVER-2:00
S. 14 AT WASHINGTON-1:00
S. 21 NEW YORK GIANTS-1:00
S. 28 SAN DIEGO-1:00
O. 5 AT KANSAS CITY-12:00
O. 12 SEATTLE-1:00
O. 19 AT MIAMI-1:00
O. 26 AT HOUSTON-12:00
N. 2 DENVER-1:00
N. 9 AT DALLAS-3:00
N. 16 CLEVELAND-1:00
N. 20 AT SAN DIEGO (Thurs.)-5:00
N. 30 PHILADELPHIA-1:00
D. 8 AT SEATTLE (Mon.)-6:00
D. 14 AT KANSAS CITY-1:00
D. 21 INDIANAPOLIS-1:00

San Diego Chargers

S. 7 MIAMI-1:00
S. 14 AT NEW YORK GIANTS-1:00
S. 21 WASHINGTON-1:00
S. 28 AT LOS ANGELES RAIDERS-1:00
O. 6 AT SEATTLE (Mon.)-6:00
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N. 9 AT DENVER-2:00
N. 16 DALLAS-1:00
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N. 30 AT INDIANAPOLIS-1:00
D. 7 HOUSTON-1:00
D. 14 SEATTLE-1:00
D. 21 AT CLEVELAND-1:00

Seattle Seahawks

S. 7 PITTSBURGH-1:00
S. 14 KANSAS CITY-1:00
S. 21 AT NEW ENGLAND-1:00
S. 28 AT WASHINGTON-1:00
O. 6 SAN DIEGO (Mon.)-6:00
O. 12 AT LOS ANGELES RAIDERS-1:00
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O. 26 AT DENVER-2:00
N. 2 NEW YORK JETS-1:00
N. 9 AT KANSAS CITY-12:00
N. 16 AT CINCINNATI-1:00
N. 23 PHILADELPHIA-1:00
N. 27 AT DALLAS (Thanksgiving)-3:00
D. 8 LOS ANGELES RAIDERS (Mon.)-6:00
D. 14 AT SAN DIEGO-1:00
D. 20 DENVER (Sat.)-1:00

NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

EAST

Dallas Cowboys

S. 8 NEW YORK GIANTS (Mon.)-8:00
S. 14 AT DETROIT-1:00
S. 21 ATLANTA-12:00
S. 29 AT ST. LOUIS (Mon.)-8:00
O. 5 AT DENVER-2:00
O. 12 WASHINGTON-12:00
O. 19 AT PHILADELPHIA-1:00
O. 26 ST. LOUIS-3:00
N. 2 AT NEW YORK GIANTS-1:00
N. 9 LOS ANGELES RAIDERS-3:00
N. 16 AT SAN DIEGO-1:00
N. 23 AT WASHINGTON-1:00
N. 27 SEATTLE (Thanksgiving)-3:00
D. 7 AT LOS ANGELES RAMS (night)-6:00
D. 14 PHILADELPHIA-12:00
D. 21 CHICAGO-3:00

New York Giants

S. 8 AT DALLAS (Mon.)-8:00
S. 14 DALLAS-1:00
S. 21 AT LOS ANGELES RAIDERS-1:00
S. 28 NEW ORLEANS-1:00
O. 5 AT ST. LOUIS-12:00
O. 12 PHILADELPHIA-4:00
O. 19 AT SEATTLE-1:00
O. 27 WASHINGTON (Mon.)-9:00
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N. 9 AT PHILADELPHIA-4:00
N. 16 AT MINNESOTA-12:00
N. 23 DENVER-1:00
D. 1 AT SAN FRANCISCO (Mon.)-6:00
D. 7 AT WASHINGTON-1:00
D. 14 ST. LOUIS-1:00
D. 20 GREEN BAY (Sat.)-12:30

Philadelphia Eagles

S. 7 AT WASHINGTON-1:00
S. 14 AT CHICAGO-12:00
S. 21 DENVER-1:00
S. 28 LOS ANGELES RAMS-1:00
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N. 23 AT SEATTLE-1:00
N. 30 AT LOS ANGELES RAIDERS-1:00
D. 7 ST. LOUIS-1:00
D. 14 AT DALLAS-12:00
D. 21 WASHINGTON-1:00

St. Louis Cardinals

S. 7 LOS ANGELES RAMS-12:00
S. 14 AT ATLANTA-1:00
S. 21 AT BUFFALO-1:00
S. 29 DALLAS (Mon.)-8:00
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N. 30 WASHINGTON-12:00
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D. 14 AT NEW YORK GIANTS-1:00
D. 21 TAMPA BAY-12:00

Washington Redskins

S. 7 PHILADELPHIA-1:00
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N. 30 AT ST. LOUIS-12:00
D. 7 NEW YORK GIANTS-1:00
D. 13 AT DENVER (Sat.)-2:00
D. 21 AT PHILADELPHIA-1:00

CENTRAL

Chicago Bears

S. 7 CLEVELAND-12:00
S. 14 PHILADELPHIA-12:00
S. 22 AT GREEN BAY (Mon.)-8:00
S. 28 AT CINCINNATI-1:00
O. 5 MINNESOTA-12:00
O. 12 AT HOUSTON-12:00
O. 19 AT MINNESOTA-12:00
O. 26 DETROIT-12:00
N. 3 LOS ANGELES RAMS (Mon.)-8:00
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N. 30 PITTSBURGH-12:00
D. 7 TAMPA BAY-12:00
D. 15 AT DETROIT (Mon.)-9:00
D. 21 AT DALLAS-3:00

Detroit Lions

S. 7 AT MINNESOTA-12:00
S. 14 DALLAS-1:00
S. 21 TAMPA BAY-1:00
S. 28 AT CLEVELAND-1:00
O. 5 HOUSTON-1:00
O. 12 AT GREEN BAY-12:00
O. 19 AT LOS ANGELES RAMS-1:00
O. 26 AT CHICAGO-12:00
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N. 9 MINNESOTA-1:00
N. 16 AT PHILADELPHIA-1:00
N. 23 AT TAMPA BAY-1:00
N. 27 GREEN BAY (Thanksgiving)-12:30
D. 7 AT PITTSBURGH-1:00
D. 15 CHICAGO (Mon.)-9:00
D. 21 ATLANTA-1:00

Green Bay Packers

S. 7 HOUSTON-12:00
S. 14 AT NEW ORLEANS-12:00
S. 22 CHICAGO (Mon.)-8:00
S. 28 AT MINNESOTA-12:00
O. 5 CINCINNATI AT MILWAUKEE-12:00
O. 12 DETROIT-12:00
O. 19 AT CLEVELAND-1:00
O. 26 SAN FRANCISCO AT MILWAUKEE-12:00
N. 2 AT PITTSBURGH-1:00
N. 9 WASHINGTON-12:00
N. 16 TAMPA BAY AT MILWAUKEE-12:00
N. 23 AT CHICAGO-12:00
N. 30 AT DETROIT (Thanksgiving)-12:30
D. 7 MINNESOTA-12:00
D. 14 AT TAMPA BAY-1:00
D. 20 AT NEW YORK GIANTS (Sat.)-12:30

Minnesota Vikings

S. 7 DETROIT-12:00
S. 14 AT TAMPA BAY-4:00
S. 21 PITTSBURGH-12:00
S. 28 GREEN BAY-12:00
O. 5 AT CHICAGO-12:00
O. 12 AT SAN FRANCISCO-1:00
O. 19 CHICAGO-12:00
O. 26 CLEVELAND-12:00
N. 2 AT WASHINGTON-4:00
N. 9 AT DETROIT-1:00
N. 16 NEW YORK GIANTS-12:00
N. 23 AT CINCINNATI-1:00
N. 30 TAMPA BAY-12:00
D. 7 AT GREEN BAY-12:00
D. 14 AT HOUSTON-3:00
D. 21 NEW ORLEANS-12:00

Tampa Bay Buccaneers

S. 7 SAN FRANCISCO-1:00
S. 14 MINNESOTA-4:00
S. 21 AT DETROIT-1:00
S. 28 ATLANTA-4:00
O. 5 AT LOS ANGELES RAMS-1:00
O. 12 ST. LOUIS-1:00
O. 19 AT NEW ORLEANS-12:00
O. 26 AT KANSAS CITY-12:00
N. 2 BUFFALO-1:00
N. 9 CHICAGO-1:00
N. 16 VS. GREEN BAY AT MILWAUKEE-12:00
N. 23 DETROIT-1:00
N. 30 AT MINNESOTA-12:00
D. 7 AT CHICAGO-12:00
D. 14 GREEN BAY-1:00
D. 21 AT ST. LOUIS-12:00

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Atlanta Falcons

S. 7 AT NEW ORLEANS-12:00
S. 14 ST. LOUIS-1:00
S. 21 AT DALLAS-12:00
S. 28 AT TAMPA BAY-4:00
O. 5 PHILADELPHIA-1:00
O. 12 LOS ANGELES RAMS-1:00
O. 19 SAN FRANCISCO-1:00
O. 26 AT LOS ANGELES RAMS-1:00
N. 2 AT NEW ENGLAND-1:00
N. 9 NEW YORK JETS-1:00
N. 16 CHICAGO-1:00
N. 23 AT SAN FRANCISCO-1:00
N. 30 AT MIAMI-1:00
D. 7 INDIANAPOLIS-1:00
D. 14 NEW ORLEANS-1:00
D. 21 AT DETROIT-1:00

Los Angeles Rams

S. 7 AT ST. LOUIS-12:00
S. 14 SAN FRANCISCO-1:00
S. 21 AT INDIANAPOLIS-12:00
S. 28 AT PHILADELPHIA-1:00
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N. 23 NEW ORLEANS-1:00
N. 30 AT NEW YORK JETS-1:00
D. 7 DALLAS (night)-6:00
D. 14 MIAMI-1:00
D. 19 AT SAN FRANCISCO (Fri.)-5:00

New Orleans Saints

S. 7 ATLANTA-12:00
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San Francisco 49ers

S. 7 AT TAMPA BAY-1:00
S. 14 AT LOS ANGELES RAMS-1:00
S. 21 NEW ORLEANS-1:00
S. 28 AT MIAMI-1:00
O. 5 INDIANAPOLIS-1:00
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When the Indianapolis Colts went to training camp in July of 1985, their No. 1 draft choice checked into an Indianapolis motel. While his teammates suffered and strained in the summer heat, Duane Bickett sweated it out by waiting for his contract to be settled.

"I didn't want to be known as a holdout," Bickett says. "But very few teams had signed their top picks, and my attorney advised me to sit tight until an agreement could be reached."

For three days, Bickett read the local papers on the progress of rookies and free agents. He lifted weights and ran a few miles.

Finally, he could stand it no longer. He checked out of the motel and headed home for California. "I knew I would be signed," he says. "I just couldn't make myself sit around there and go crazy in a strange city."

"The best thing is that he produces. When you talk about a No. 1 choice, what you're looking for is a total person, and Duane fits my criteria."

So he went home and drove himself crazy.

"There's no question, it was a very difficult time for me," says Bickett, a 6-5, 244-pound linebacker from Southern California who was selected by the Colts as the fifth pick in the first round.

"I wanted to play very badly. It killed me to read about what was going on. But for whatever reasons, the Colts were not willing to negotiate at the start of training camp. I guess they just wanted to see what the other first-round rookies were going to get.

"When you know there's a specific day to go to camp, you can prepare yourself and get into peak condition for the start of workouts.

"While in California, I had absolutely no idea. I had to stay in shape expecting it to be any day. I never really thought I wouldn't play for them, but I wasn't happy about not being in camp."

Neither were the Colts. They had projected Bickett as an immediate starter, an impact player who could help turn their downtrodden defense into a respectable one simply by stepping on the field.

Their comments on draft day indicated how much they thought of Bickett.

"He's a fine athlete," said Coach Rod Dowhower. "He's smart and he's a leader by example. And the best thing is that he produces. When you talk about a No. 1 choice, what you're looking for is a total person, and Duane fits my criteria."

Bickett seemed too good to be true. In his four years at Southern California, he played tight end, defensive tackle and inside linebacker before moving to the outside in his senior season. And what a year that was.

He had 151 tackles, six sacks, one interception and 13 passes defended, earning All-America honors from UPI, NEA, *The Sporting News* and the Football Writers Association. He also was the Pac-10's Defensive Player of the Year.

Bickett was an academic All-American as well, with a 3.67 grade point average in business accounting. He comes from an athletic family. He and his three brothers competed in several sports while growing up in Southern California. Don is a professional basketball player in Australia, Brent played water polo at USC and Fred is on the basketball team at Orange Coast Junior College.

"We were always beating on each other," Duane says. "It made us all better."

No wonder his agent, Leigh Steinberg, predicted the day Bickett was drafted, "I think the city of Indianapolis will fall in love with him. He is the consummate All-American boy: tall, good-looking, articulate, a strong family person."

Says USC defensive coordinator Artie Gigantino: "Duane is one of the finest linebackers we ever had. He's an outstanding run defender and he's certainly an outstanding pass defender. He's a tremendous prospect. He'll help the Colts immediately."

It was sudden for Bickett, who finally did sign a contract two and a half weeks

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Randy McMillan shook off a slow start to wind up leading the Colts in rushing last season.

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after camp began and reported to the team with a four-year pact worth about \$2 million.

With less than a week's preparation, Bickett was named a starter and played his first game, which was a preseason contest against the eventual Super Bowl champion Chicago Bears. He spent most of the game going head to head with Jimbo Covert, the Bears' All-Pro tackle.

"That was quite an experience," Bickett says. "I tried to play as hard as I possibly could. I can't tell you how much I learned from that first game."

Bickett says he found little or no resentment from his teammates despite being named a starter so quickly.

The Colts were a young team "and everyone was so worried about making the team themselves that they didn't have time to worry about me," Bickett says.

"Every day of practice was on-the-job training for me. And I can't give enough credit to the coaching staff. I know I made a lot of mistakes, but they let me make them and keep playing. They gave me confidence."

Starting at right outside linebacker, Bickett finished the season as the Colts' third-leading tackler with 141. He led the team in sacks with six for losses of 44 yards, recovered two fumbles and intercepted a pass. He was named the NFL's Defensive Rookie of the Year by the Associated Press.

"Duane's impact was better than we thought it would be," Dowhower says. "He has exceeded all expectations. He's consistent. He plays well within the scheme. He's a player I can count on. In the final analysis, that is the best compliment a player can receive."

"He has a great attitude. Sometimes high draft choices are a little bit taken with themselves. They think they've got it figured out. Duane prepares very well. He usually doesn't make the same mistake twice. For a rookie, he has maturity far beyond his experience."

Bickett's biggest problem as a rookie was adjusting to playing pro pass defense. That's not unusual for a rookie linebacker.

"That's something I had to work on all year, and I'll have to work on it again this season," Bickett says. "When I finally came to camp, I was way behind. I still don't feel completely comfortable, but I know that will come with experience."

"Overall, I was pleased with my first year. I started making big plays the way I had in college. I loved everything about it, except losing."

The Colts finished the 1985 season 5-11, but Bickett saw progress for a franchise that has been struggling ever since the Bert Jones era of the mid-1970s. "We had a chance to win our last six games," Bickett says. "We did win the last two, I think we can have a good team this year."

"We're one of the youngest teams in the

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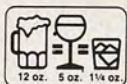
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Sometimes who gets Phil Simms' (right) passes is a toss-up, but he often finds Bobby Johnson (above).

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are backup nose tackle Jerome Sally and ends Dee Hardison and Casey Merrill. If Merrill returns to his '84 form, depth could be the best in years.

There are spots to be filled if the Giants are to become a solid championship threat.

The secondary improved last season as the Giants ranked fourth in the league in pass defense and picked off 24 interceptions. Leading the way was cornerback Elvis Patterson with six thefts. Free safety Terry Kinard added five. Cornerback Perry Williams has speed and talent, and Kenny Hill brings experience to the strong safety spot. Herb Welch played well as the nickel back, and Ted Watts and Tyrone Davis showed promise on the corners. Veteran cornerback Mark Haynes was traded to Denver.

In the draft, the Giants took defensive players with their first five picks. Their first choice was tackle Eric Dorsey of Notre Dame. Ohio State's great linebacker, Thomas Johnson, was selected in the fourth round.

The special teams remain unsettled until Parcells decides on a kicker. Ali Haji-Sheikh, Jess Atkinson and Eric Schubert kicked last year. If Haji-Sheikh, who spent much of the year on injured reserve, returns to form, the job is his. Due to his 42.9-yard average, Sean Landeta has a lock on the punting job. Parcells has expressed hope the draft might produce a speedster to take over punt and kick returning duties.

There are spots to be filled if the Giants are to become a solid championship threat, but they're closer than they've been in years.

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When Bruce Smith was little, he was very big. How big? "So big I could never play on those peewee teams my friends were on," he says. "It's tough to lose 30 pounds when you're 12 years old."

Growing up in Norfolk, Va., Bruce Smith, now the 6-4, 280-pound defensive end for the Buffalo Bills, then was the fat kid on the block.

But a fortunate thing happened to Smith on his way to becoming a professional athlete.

Before the start of his sophomore year in high school, the football coach at Booker T. Washington High School, Cal Davidson, convinced the 250-pounder that he had a better future playing football than basketball, although he was a standout in the latter.

"After that happened a few times, I finally figured out why they wouldn't throw me the ball. But heck, I was always open."

Despite his size, Smith didn't take to football immediately. He had watched games occasionally on television. He liked the Pittsburgh Steelers. But he knew little about the finer points of football.

That first season he tried it, he recalled playing offensive tackle and running 30 yards downfield, waving his arms at his quarterback and screaming at him to throw him the ball. When it never came, Smith cursed his teammate. And when the fellow in the striped shirt arrived and dropped a penalty flag for illegal man downfield, Smith cursed him, too.

"I was kind of out of control," he says. "After that happened a few times, I finally figured out why they wouldn't throw me the ball. But heck, I was always open."

Smith learned more in the summer between his sophomore and junior high school years.

He learned about weightlifting. Soon the blubber became muscle and his acceleration quickened (he's been clocked at 4.71 in the 40). He paid attention to his coaches, and by the time he was ready for college, he could just about take his pick.

Spurning offers from places like Ohio State, Oklahoma "and a whole bunch of other schools," Smith decided to play in his native state. He enrolled at Virginia Tech, a decision he says he'll never regret. "Oh, sure, I was homesick when I first went there, but it never got to the point where I was going to pack my bags and go home. I liked the place, liked the coach (Bill Dooley), liked the program."

Smith became one of the most honored players in Virginia Tech history. During his career he had 46 sacks and 25 other tackles behind the line of scrimmage for losses totaling 504 yards. He was a two-time All-American and winner of the Outland Trophy in 1984.

Pro scouts rated Smith the best defensive prospect in the country. He was the first pick in the 1985 draft and became an instant millionaire with a four-year, \$3 million contract.

"It was like a dream," Smith says. "I had reached one of my primary goals. Then things kinda went downhill, you might say."

Indeed, after the Bills opened the season with two straight losses (on the way to six), Smith found himself sitting on the bench, used primarily as a passing-down rusher and listening to people in the organization wonder if he would be just another wasted draft pick, like many before him.

Nose tackle Fred Smerlas may have said it best. "Bruce has talent, but he has to make sure everybody doesn't keep talking about his potential, which is a French word meaning 'not worth a damn.'"

"There's no question, it was a very frustrating time for me," Smith says, "but I guess I deserved it. I wasn't playing very well against the run. I was too tentative. I hadn't really adjusted to the NFL."

"I had come out of a situation in college where we usually got teams into passing

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Greg Bell doesn't intend to be stopped short of his ambition to gain 1000 yards.

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situations pretty quick, so I wasn't counted on all that much against a running attack. But in the NFL, every team can run the football."

Smith was replaced by veteran Don Smith as the starting right end after a 42-3 loss to the Jets. Bruce Smith complained publicly about the demotion, although he insists now the news media blew it out of proportion.

The bottom line, though, was that he was furious, more at himself than anyone else. Soon he was back in the starting lineup, doing precisely what the Bills had expected all along.

"I think he was disappointed in himself," says defensive line coach Ardell Wiegandt. "He felt embarrassed. He had to go back and work harder."

"When a person tells you that you can't do something, you know you can if you put your mind to it," Smith says. "You're motivated. I realized then I had to do both: pass-rush and defend against the run. You can't be very good in one part of your game and average in another."

Smith is not quite ready to take on Mark Gastineau or Richard Dent as the preeminent pass rusher in the NFL. After all, Smith had only 6½ sacks. But his coaches saw progress and say he will be unstoppable if he develops

an effective inside move to go with his devastating rush from the outside.

"That takes time," says Wiegandt. "When he gets that, he'll keep people guessing, and it'll improve his chances of getting sacks."

Coach Hank Bullough says, "He has to get to the point where people say, 'This is the move we have to take away from him.' That comes with experience."

Wiegandt goes on: "Having great athletic ability is one thing. You have to be a disciplined player to perform well every play. That's the hardest adjustment you have to make from college to pro ball."

"At first, he didn't understand how much time is spent just studying the game. Your opponent is going to take film home and watch every move you make. Those offensive linemen are skilled players who work hard on technique and how to stop you. So you have to find their weaknesses."

"Bruce is more of a game player than a practice player. He still has to develop better work habits in practice. But he wants to be successful. The sky's the limit for him."

Smith agrees. He knows he has a long way to go and is impatient to get there.

His friend and former Virginia Tech team-

mate, Jesse Penn, a rookie linebacker with the Dallas Cowboys last year, had a similar problem. Smith and Penn, who went to high school together in Norfolk, spoke on the phone often during the season.

"When he was down, I'd try to pick him up, and he'd do the same for me," Smith says. "We'd talk about everything: the old neighborhood, football, girls, the usual. Having a friend like that helped. But I've always known I could play in this league. I got discouraged, but I've got too much at stake to ever give it up."

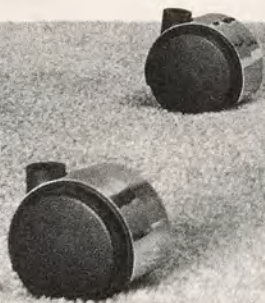
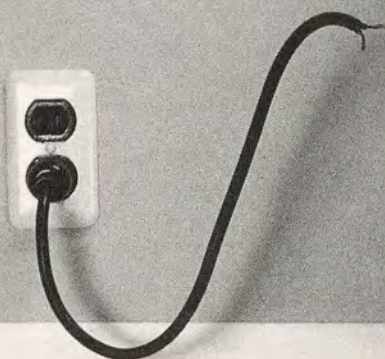
The Buffalo franchise also has quite a bit at stake. The Bills suffered through a second straight 2-14 season in 1985. Kay Stephenson was fired, and Bullough was promoted to head coach from assistant head coach and defensive coordinator. Now he has a long-term contract.

Players like Smith are the future of the Bills organization. The team's youth is both its short-term weakness and its long-term strength. Coaches and players believe there will be a vast improvement over last year's record.

"We lost nine games by three to 11 points," Smith says. "There's no question we'll be a better team. I won't be satisfied unless we're in the playoffs. It can happen."

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The Browns signed Kosar for that price, then surrounded him with teachers: offensive coordinator Joe Pendry, quarterbacks coach Greg Landry and veteran backup Gary Danielson. Last season, after Danielson injured the rotator cuff of his right shoulder, Kosar handled the club down the stretch that ended with an AFC Central title and a 24-21 loss to the Miami Dolphins in the playoffs. The Browns led at one point 21-3.

It was a crazy season for the Browns, who beat New England 24-20, the New York Giants 35-33 and San Diego 21-7; lost to the Los Angeles Raiders by a point 21-20 but were wiped out by Seattle 31-13 and the New York Jets 37-10 when Kosar was handling the offense in December.

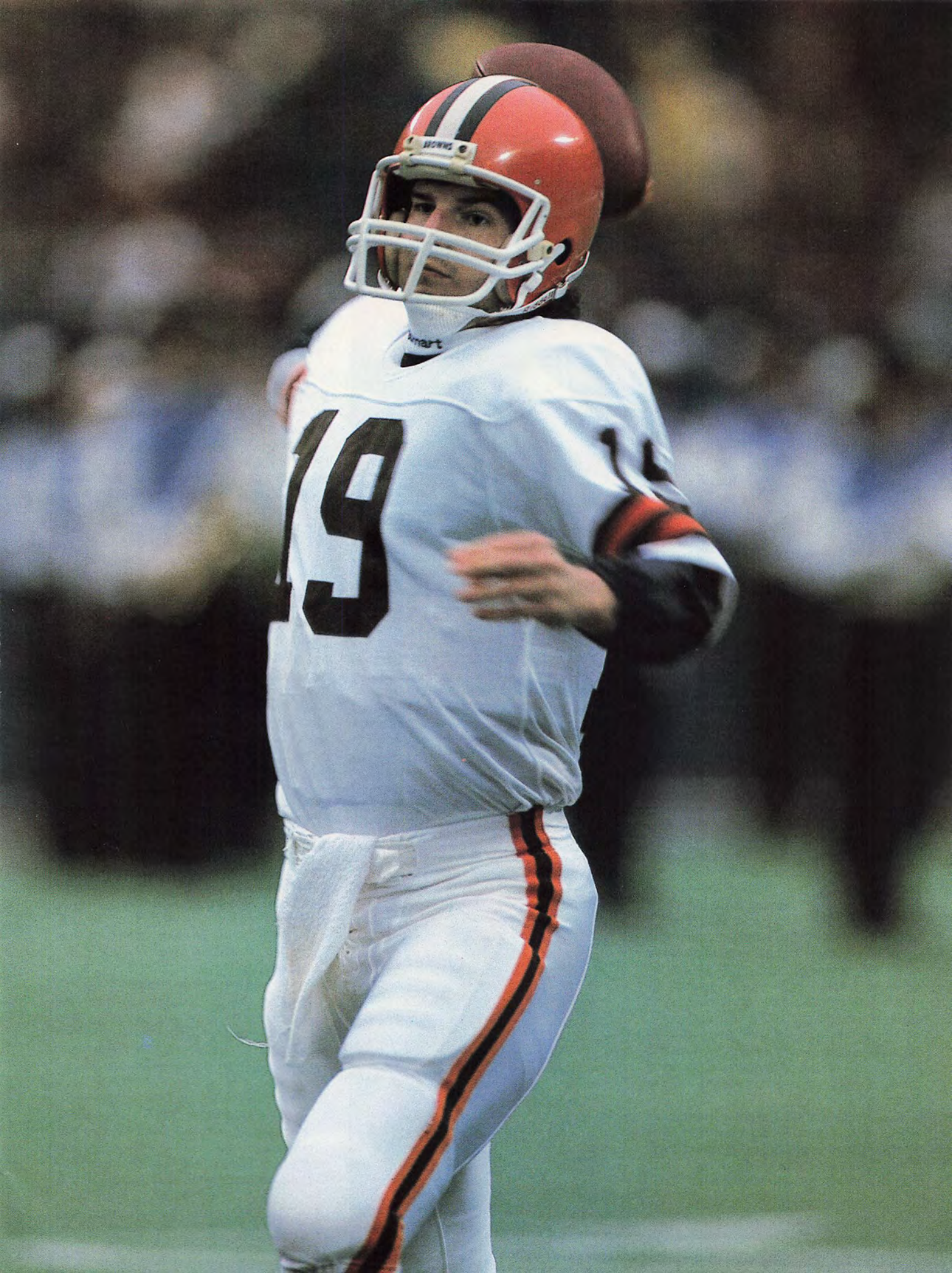
"We didn't win as much as we wanted to, obviously," says Coach Marty Schottenheimer. "And we certainly failed in the area of winning the NFL championship, which was our objective. Yet the fact that we were able to win the division is a foundation on which we can continue to build."

"I think he made tremendous strides," Schottenheimer says. "As I've said before, the thing that impresses me about him most is that he's unflappable. His personality never changes. He never does anything he doesn't want to do."

But Kosar was throwing mostly high-percentage dump and swing passes. And like all young quarterbacks with \$5 million arms, he wants to throw more often and deeper. While the Browns were the eighth-ranked rushing team in the NFL (142.8-yard average), his average per attempt was only 6.36 yards, 13th in the AFC among those with more than 200 throws.

Certainly, the Browns need a big-play receiver who can beat a defense on deep patterns. They have gone through prospects and suspects from the draft, and trades and waiver claims. Last year, while Danielson and Kosar were executing 533 handoffs, 1984 draftee Brian Brennan emerged as the leading wide receiver. But he had only 32 catches. The club's wide-outs caught only 68 passes with six touchdowns resulting.

It was a great day for the Browns when Bernie Kosar threw in with them—for \$5 million.





Nose tackle Bob Golic is unruly when they try to keep him from knocking people down.

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Pendry says the Browns tried to keep it simple for Kosar, a 6-5, 210-pound athlete with a whip-like delivery who gave up his last two college seasons at the University of Miami to play in Cleveland. "We tried to have a possession-type passing game based on high-percentage throwing," says Pendry. "But we always felt we had the capability to go for the home run."

The Browns would think about it but then revert to their old style: Byner on first down, Mack on second down, Byner on third down, move the chains.

Last year's Cleveland offense gambled only on third and 20, and then not every time. Mostly, the Browns handed off to Mack and Byner, big, 1000-yard backs with enough speed to get through a hole or reach the corner on a power sweep. And when Kosar did throw, defenses used every trick in the book, and some that weren't, against the rookie, blitzing and fake-blitzing. Denver's John Elway shared the same confusion as a rookie.

Says Landry, Kosar's tutor: "Every quarterback has certain reads he likes to make. We had a program set up that was as good, in terms of progression and reads, as any I've heard of."

A rookie quarterback used to sit and learn his trade from a battle-tested veteran up to five years before playing. But Kosar is out of the new breed (Elway, Dan Marino, Ken O'Brien), joining a league that was forced to

liberalize passing rules to satisfy the television networks and going to work immediately.

"Bernie has a good arm," Pendry says. "He gets the ball around the target. He doesn't have any wasted motion. Maybe he's not a great scrambler, but he's smart enough to keep out of trouble so he doesn't need to scramble."

Passing attacks, of course, need a solid running game and that's a team strength.

Kevin Mack was a fancier runner in his second year.



Kosar has the Byner-Mack combo and a young, improving line (ex-tight end turned tackle Rickey Bolden, ex-Tampa Bay Bandit guard Dan Fike, plus veterans Cody Risien and Mike Baab) that allowed only 36 sacks.

Byner and Mack can catch, giving Kosar capable short targets. Ozzie Newsome is one of the best tight ends in the league (502 catches in eight years, including 62 for 711 yards last season). But that was below his 89-catch seasons of 1983-84. The Browns aren't going to scare anybody when Kosar steps into the pocket unless they dramatically upgrade their receiving corps.

Brennan, a nifty route runner, is probably the best of the crop. Clarence Weathers has speed and is young. Glen Young is a kick returner who led the AFC with a 25.7-yard average and could develop outside.

On defense, the Browns were good against the run (115.7-yard average) and improved against the pass. The reshaped secondary of Frank Minnifield and Hanford Dixon at the corners, and free agent Al Gross and '84 first-round draft pick Don Rogers at safeties gave the Browns their best coverage and tackling in years. "We're probably as strong at the safety position as we are at running back," Schottenheimer says.

While weak-side linebacker Clay Matthews struggled with back and groin problems, strong-sider Chip Banks had his best year and earned a third trip to the Pro Bowl. Inside backers Tom Cousineau and underrated Eddie Johnson play solid defense.

Upfront, nose tackle Bob Golic, claimed on waivers after his release as a Patriots linebacker in 1982, also made the Pro Bowl after a scuffling season. He says, "I just want to get dirty and knock people down." When end Reggie Camp suffered a foot injury, 10-year veteran Carl Hairston, a pass-rushing specialist, was forced into full-time duty. Clearly, this is an area that needs improving, particularly the skill of rushing a quarterback. The Browns got only 44 sacks in 509 rushes, or about one every 11 charges. Opposing passers completed 56.8 percent of their attempts.

"We worked on the running game last season, and we'll work on the passing game this year," Schottenheimer says.

It's passing strange, as it were, that at one point last year Kosar said, "I don't think of myself as a passing quarterback. I look at myself as a quarterback who is able to carry out an offensive philosophy. That's what I did at Miami and that's what I hope to do with the Browns."

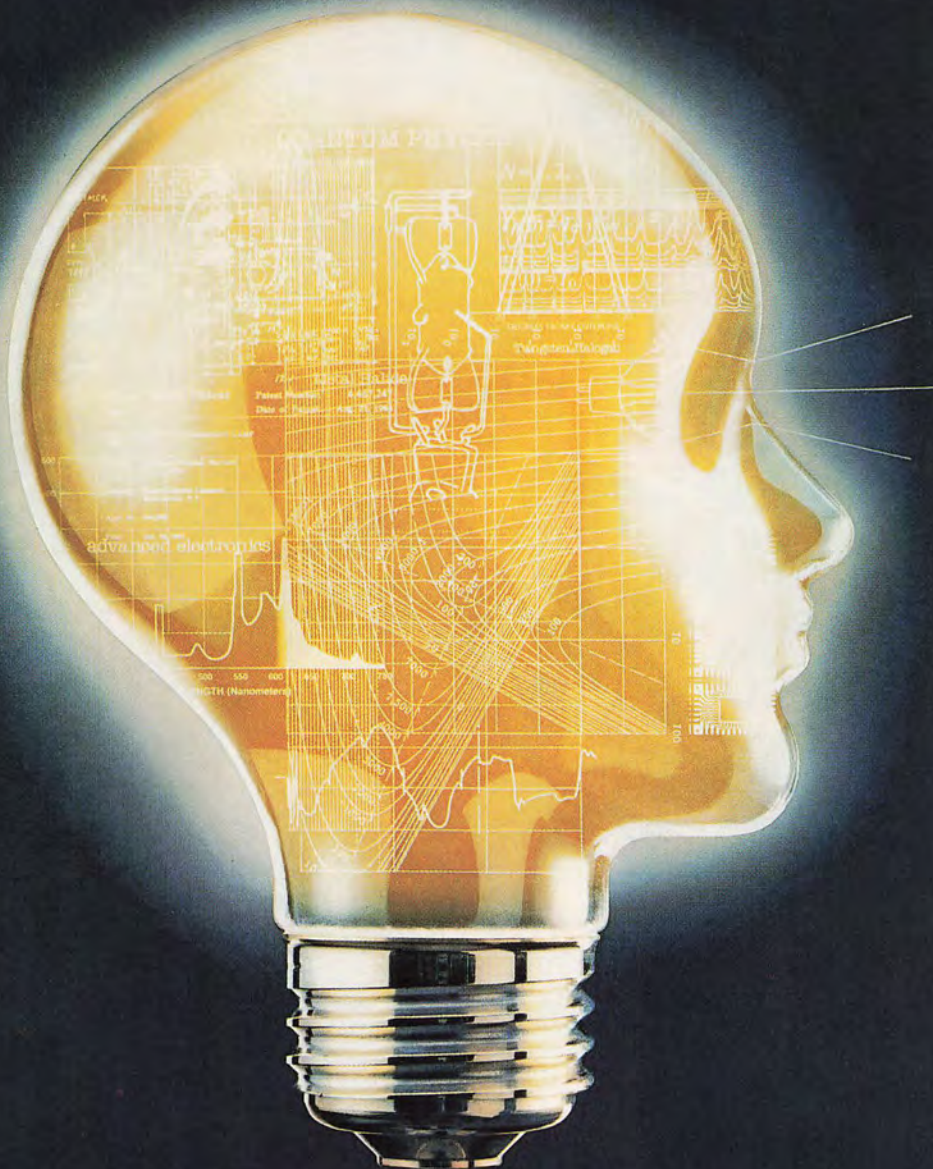
Kosar, it seems, always wanted to play for the Browns. The son of an executive for a company that manufactures air compressors, he lives in Boardman, Ohio, a suburb of Youngstown. He was a Browns fan as a kid.

His last college coach, Jimmy Johnson, says of him: "He's a fierce competitor with the flair of a riverboat gambler."

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Earnest Byner's struggles carried him to the running back's goal: a 1000-yard year. ➔





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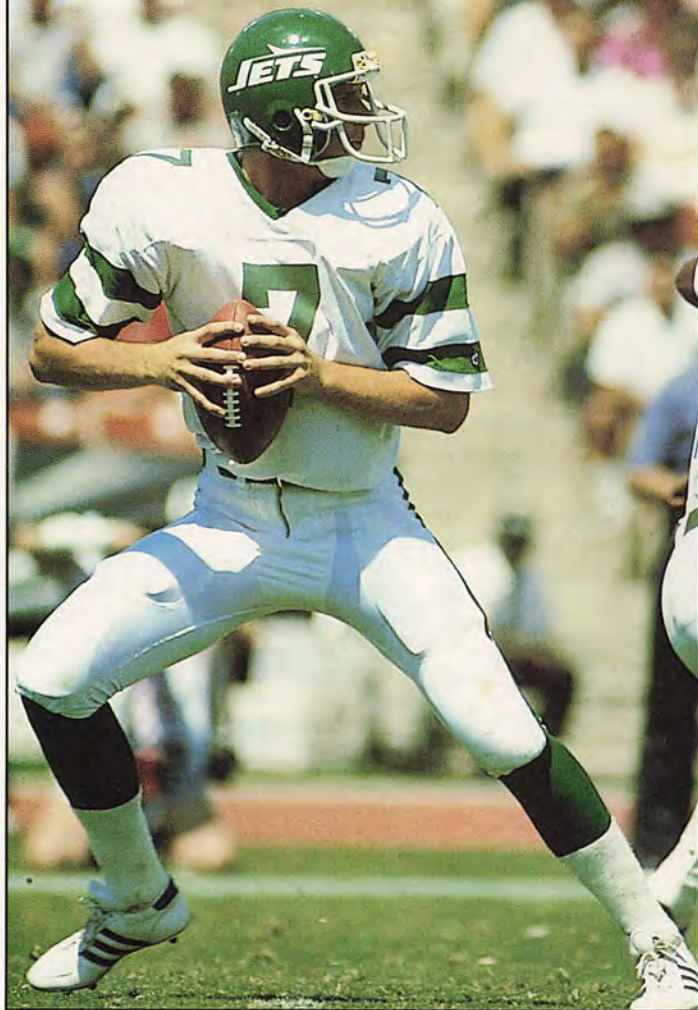
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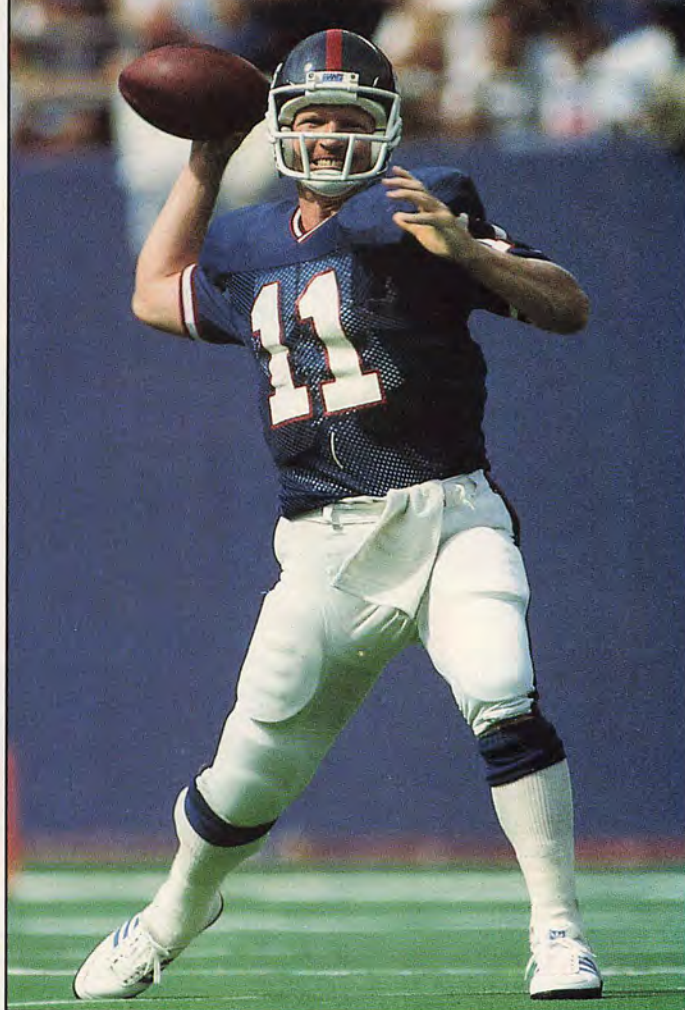
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Phil Simms isn't cocky but he welcomes a Giant-sized task.

O'Brien and Simms Big Apple's Big Guns

by Gordon Forbes

May 3, 1979: At the National Football League's draft headquarters in New York, Giants fans eagerly await the selection of Jack Thompson, the "Throwin' Samoan," as the team's quarterback of the '80s. Instead, their enthusiasm cools when Cincinnati picks Thompson, and the Giants follow four picks later in the first round by choosing little-known Phil Simms of tiny Morehead State.

April 26, 1983: Blue-chip quarterbacks are going fast in the first few hours of the NFL draft: John Elway, Todd Blackledge, Jim Kelly, Tony Eason. And now, with Dan Marino still on the board and the New York Jets about to select, the obvious choice becomes the odd man out, to the great delight of the Miami Dolphins. For the Jets, the odd man in is Ken O'Brien, another little-known quarterback, from

California-Davis, another obscure university.

Simms and O'Brien. The Giants and Jets hadn't made two more improbable first-round draft picks since running back Rocky Thompson (Giants, 1971) and defensive tackle Carl Barzilauskas (Jets, 1974). But now the jeers and jokes of other years have turned to adulation for Simms and O'Brien in New York. As starting quarterbacks for the city's two pro football teams, they led the Giants and Jets into the playoffs last year. Even those who booed Simms and O'Brien on draft day are now believers.

"Who had ever heard of Cal-Davis?" laughs O'Brien. "You couldn't blame them (Jet fans) for questioning the club's choice. But for me, Davis was close to home, and it had won its league something like 16 out of the previous 17 years. It prepared me for the pros. We

used to light up the scoreboard pretty well."

"I'm not really surprised at anything Ken does now," says Joe Walton, who was in his first year as the Jets' head coach in 1983. "I'm only surprised at how fast he has developed."

"Phil is better than the previous year in every phase of being a quarterback," says Bill Parcells, the Giants' coach. "He's more of a complete quarterback now. And there is still much more room for improvement."

Last year O'Brien led NFL quarterbacks with a 96.2 rating, passing for 3,888 yards (60.9 percent accuracy) and 25 touchdowns, while throwing only eight interceptions. Simms, with less receiving talent, as well as an obsession for going deep, passed for 3,829 yards and 22 touchdowns. He also threw 20 interceptions and earned a rating of 78.6, sixth best in the NFC.

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It may stretch the patience of Jets coaches that O'Brien is sacked so frequently.

(O'Brien and Simms continued)

Running enhances passing, the strength of one becoming the strength of the other. Accordingly, the Jets and Giants finished fourth and fifth in total offense, each with a run-pass blend that was almost identical: 5,896 yards for the 11-5 Jets; 5,884 for the 10-6 Giants.

For Simms, who had a reputation as a gunner at Morehead, and O'Brien, a bright student of the game at Cal-Davis who "loved

to throw the ball," it hasn't always been easy.

It took Simms five injury-plagued years with a struggling team before he finally lived up to scouting report superlatives. He missed three games in 1980 with a separated shoulder. Another shoulder separation forced him to miss five games in 1981. It was worse in 1982 when he underwent knee surgery and missed the entire season. When he suffered a frac-

tured thumb that sidelined him for 14 games the following season, the worried Giants made a serious bid for Warren Moon, a free agent quarterback from Canada.

Moon's price tag (\$5 million for five years) was too high. It was just as well. Simms wiped out most of the Giants' passing records in 1984, setting club marks for yards (4,044), attempts (533) and completions (286), while passing for 22 touchdowns. The Giants reached the divisional playoffs as a wildcard before losing to eventual Super Bowl champion San Francisco.

In a playoff rematch last season, the Giants upset the 49ers 17-3 as Simms threw two touchdown passes. They were eliminated by the Chicago Bears, but Simms proved that he could win a big game.

"I think I'm as good as anybody. I've shown that I'm as good as any quarterback. I don't look at anybody in awe. I'm not saying it in a cocky way. What I'm saying is that I've come to realize over the past two years that I've done a lot of good things. I've produced as much as anybody."

Says Parcells of Simms: "When he gets hot, he might hit everything for a while. And once he hits a deep one, he'll go after it again. He likes to sling it. And he's seeing things much better than he ever did. I remember one game in which we had a play called for him to throw to Zeke (tight end Zeke Mowatt), and he held back and wouldn't throw it. He told me that he saw the safety's eyes, and the safety was waiting for him to throw that way. After looking at the films, I knew he was right."

"He's a competitor," says Giants nose tackle Jim Burt. "Everything we do, he says, 'You want to bet \$5?' He'll bet on anything. He'll bet on which bird will fly off a wire first, or that he can throw a bar of soap into the soap dish in the shower."

"He's very confident," says linebacker Harry Carson. "And that kind of confidence spreads. Phil has matured to the point where he doesn't let anything bother him."

Simms has worked hard for what he wanted since he delivered newspapers as a kid in Louisville, Ky. His parents worked in a tobacco factory. "If I wanted anything, I worked for it," he says. "I think back now and wonder, 'Why did I do it? Why did I get up at 5 in the morning, run a mile to pick up the papers, then deliver them and run home to shower and go to school?' But I know why. I did it to have money in my pocket and nice clothes on my back."

Simms would have been even better last year, when he was also MVP in the Pro Bowl, if the Giants had been quicker to surround him with better talent. They shuffled running backs (Billy Taylor, Butch Woolfolk, Rob Carpenter) until little Joe Morris emerged last season as a legitimate 1000-yard rusher. Young George Adams and Carpenter, a dependable eight-year fullback, gave the Giants versatility and

Simms can see forever, so naturally his average yardage per pass is one of the NFL's longest.



depth. The coaches also kept changing blockers until guard Chris Godfrey and center Bart Oates, both from the USFL, solidified the line.

The Giants still don't have a blue-chip receiver. Their wide-outs, Lionel Manuel (49 catches, five TDs), Bobby Johnson (33 catches, eight TDs) and Phil McConkey (25 catches, one TD), ranked 19th, 50th and 69th respectively in the NFC last year. Simms, however, was smart enough to take what the defenses gave and dumped the ball off to tight end Mark Bavaro (37 catches, four TDs), Adams (31 catches, two TDs) and spot receiver Tony Galbreath (30 catches, one TD). He missed Mowatt, who caught 48 passes for 698 yards in 1984 but sat out last year with torn knee ligaments.

"Phil has more understanding of the game now," says Parcells. "He's dumping the ball better. He's good at reading defenses, and I credit that to (offensive coordinator) Ron Erhardt, who worked with him on reading five-back schemes. Ron won't give him any rest on it."

But even Simms had his problems with throwaways. After he dumped a pass into the arms of a Los Angeles Rams defender, Simms was asked by an angry Parcells why he had thrown in that direction. "He told me he was trying to throw it away," says Parcells. "I said, 'Why don't you throw it in Section 102 instead of the middle of the field?'"

In the Pro Bowl, Simms hurled three second-half scoring passes as the NFC edged the AFC 28-24. "An excellent quarterback," said Dallas tight end Doug Cosbie, who caught one of Simms' TD passes. "He throws the ball with a nice touch," said Tampa Bay tight end Jimmie Giles, who caught the winning TD pass with 2:47 left.

O'Brien made it to the Pro Bowl, too, as an alternate for the injured Marino and threw for a touchdown. But it was O'Brien's regular-season heroics that thrilled Jet-watchers, some of whom had booed his selection ahead of Marino in the 1983 draft.

"We're confident that Kenny can get better," says Walton. "He displayed leadership and physical and mental toughness last year and gained respect from his teammates (the Jets selected O'Brien as the club's most valuable player over 14 other candidates who got votes). I'm not surprised at what he has done. Football players like guys who produce and they like guys who are tough."

O'Brien, a rangy Californian with enormous talent and a fine mind, wants to complete every pass. For that reason, he was sacked 62 times, more than any other NFL quarterback. "I'm not saying he hasn't held the ball too long sometimes," says quarterback coach Zeke Bratkowski. "But what people fail to realize is how many times he made things happen by waiting and going to an alternate receiver."

At Cal-Davis, a Division II school that has no scholarship program, O'Brien compiled a 3.3-point average as a pre-law student. His college coach, Jim Sochor, remembers asking him about his future. Says Sochor: "He said, 'Coach, I just want to throw the ball. I love to throw it.'"

"For better or worse, we made the judgment that Kenny was better for the Jets than Marino," says Mike Hickey, the Jets' player personnel director.

As a rookie, O'Brien sat behind Richard Todd. A year later, Todd was traded to New Orleans and O'Brien seemed ready to make his move. The bizarre happened, and it was Pat Ryan who replaced Todd as the starter. O'Brien was named with teammate Mark Gastineau as a co-defendant after a brawl erupted at a New York City disco. O'Brien was acquitted of all charges in the four-week trial, but his absence from the Jets forced Walton to go with Ryan.

O'Brien became the starter for the last five games in 1984 after Ryan twice suffered concussions. Walton said the Jets were going to training camp last year with two starters at quarterback. Ryan had been 6-2 as a starter in the first half of the previous season. However, in the back of Walton's mind, the job belonged to O'Brien.

Bratkowski, who became the Jets' quarterback coach last year, couldn't quite believe O'Brien's recall and anticipation. "Kenny knows all the stuff so well that it comes out like a computer in the huddle," Bratkowski says.

"The only way I'm comfortable in the game is if I know everything," O'Brien says. "Physically, I can do the job. But you have to be on top of things mentally, too."

Entering O'Brien's fourth year, the Jets are still concerned about his frequent sacks. In two seasons and 21 starts (O'Brien is 12-9 as a starter), he's been trapped 84 times for losses of 567 yards. The Jets worked on his movement within the pocket and arm velocity in the off-season.

"Maybe I do hold the ball too long sometimes," says O'Brien. "A lot of it is having more awareness and experience. Anytime I drop back, if I see someone open, the ball's gone. But some plays just take time. Sometimes things happen that aren't supposed to happen. You react to that and put yourself in the best situation to complete the pass."

Simms is courageous, egotistical and always looking for the 50-yard bomb. O'Brien is deep-thinking, unselfish and content to hit the open short man to keep a drive alive. Together, they have given the Giants and Jets their most optimistic futures in years. Uptown, downtown and across the Hudson River to the New Jersey Meadowlands where both teams play, the word is out that the Jets and Giants expect to make the playoffs . . . again and again. Jet and Giant fans will link to that.

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Eddie Brown was one of them. Blessed with 4.42 speed and an 8.0 rating by the National Scouting Combine (highest among wide receivers), he was drafted in the middle of the first round last year by the Cincinnati Bengals, who were desperate for a flanker to replace Isaac Curtis. After a three-week holdout, Brown finally arrived in training camp to begin an exceptional rookie season. He caught 53 passes for 942 yards and eight touchdowns.

More significantly, Brown proved that he could catch in heavy traffic and beyond a deep defender. Three scoring catches covered 68, 45 and 44 yards. On an offensive unit that included rangy split end Cris Collinsworth, running back James Brooks and tight end Rodney Holman, all excellent targets, Brown could hardly have contributed more.

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"It was a strange experience to learn new plays that really weren't new plays," says Brown, who played on the University of Miami's 1983 national championship team. "They were the same plays, but all of a sudden they had new names, and the coaches were demanding about how you ran them."

Brown reported to the Bengals two days before the last preseason game. He had been well-prepared during his holdout in sessions with Cincinnati receivers coach Bruce Coslet. After one full day of practice, Brown made his pro debut by catching four passes for 107 yards, one for a 42-yard touchdown.

In his first three regular-season games, he had 13 receptions for 230 yards. The inevitable rookie slump followed, but he regained his early-season form and finished with 12 receptions for 244 yards and three touchdowns in the last three games against Dallas, Washington and New England.

Collinsworth wound up with 65 catches and Brooks with 55 as the Bengals jumped from 14th to fourth in pass offense, averaging 232.3 yards a game and scoring 31 times on passes.

"Talk about two different styles," says Coslet of Brown and Collinsworth. "Cris looks like he's flying all over the place. Eddie is smooth. When he's running fast, he doesn't seem to be moving. He's low to the ground, and his upper body appears motionless."

Says Collinsworth of Brown: "They can't cover him man to man. He's too quick to play bump and run against without help. And he's too fast to play off without help. To play off him, you've got to give him a seven- or eight-yard cushion. He's not afraid to go over the middle, either."

"I think defenses eventually will go back to playing zone, or doubling up on both wide receivers. What that means is that James has to be covered one-on-one, and you can't do that, either."

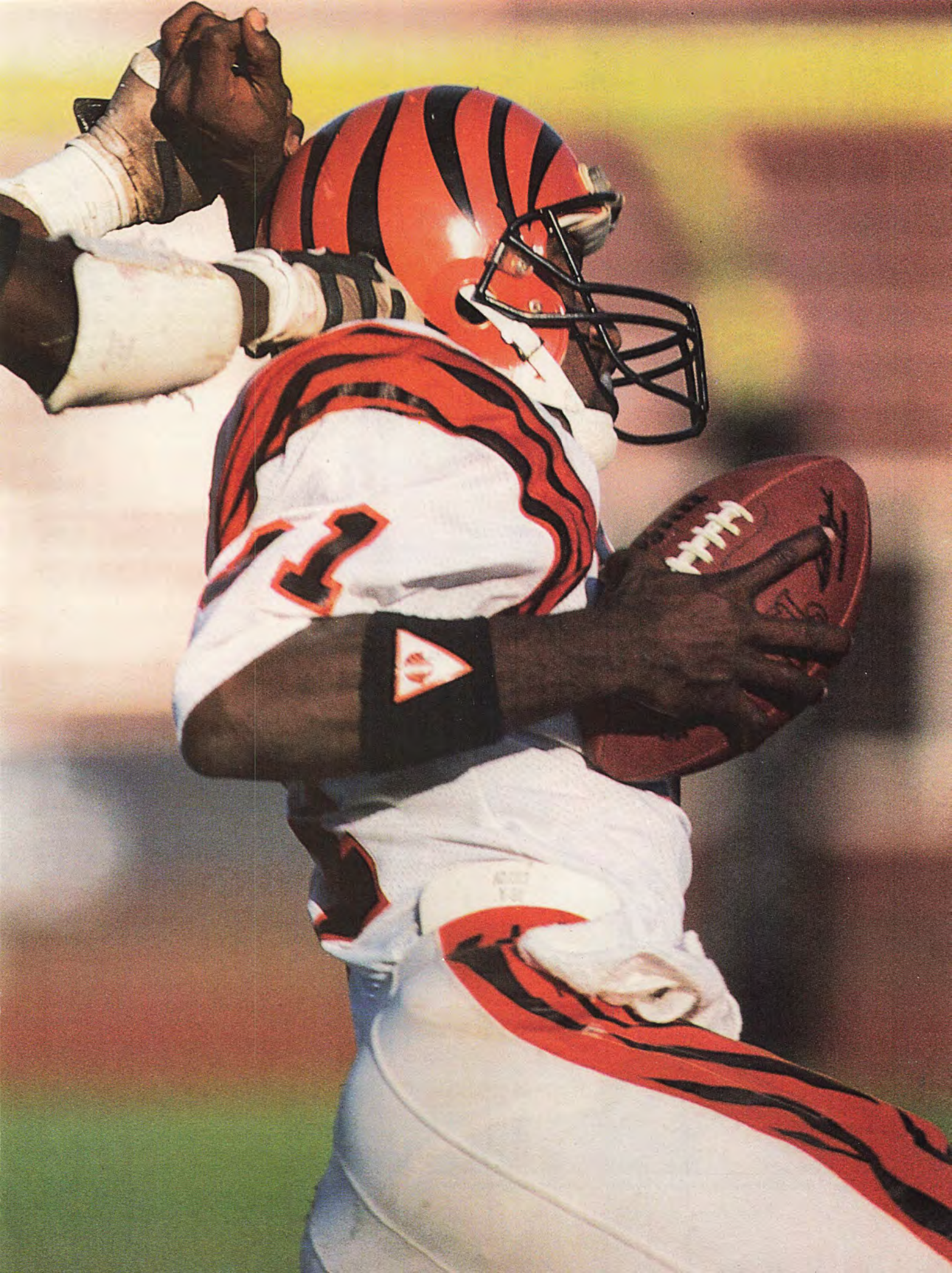
With the arrival of Brown, the development of Holman and the molding of a huge and talented offensive line (Anthony Munoz, 278; Brian Blados, 295; Dave Rimington, 288; Max Montoya, 275; and Mike Wilson, 271), the Bengals can explode for touchdowns from anywhere. They scored 441 points last season, including 50 against Dallas and 45 against Houston. But their suspect defense gave up 437 points, including 26 touchdowns in the air.

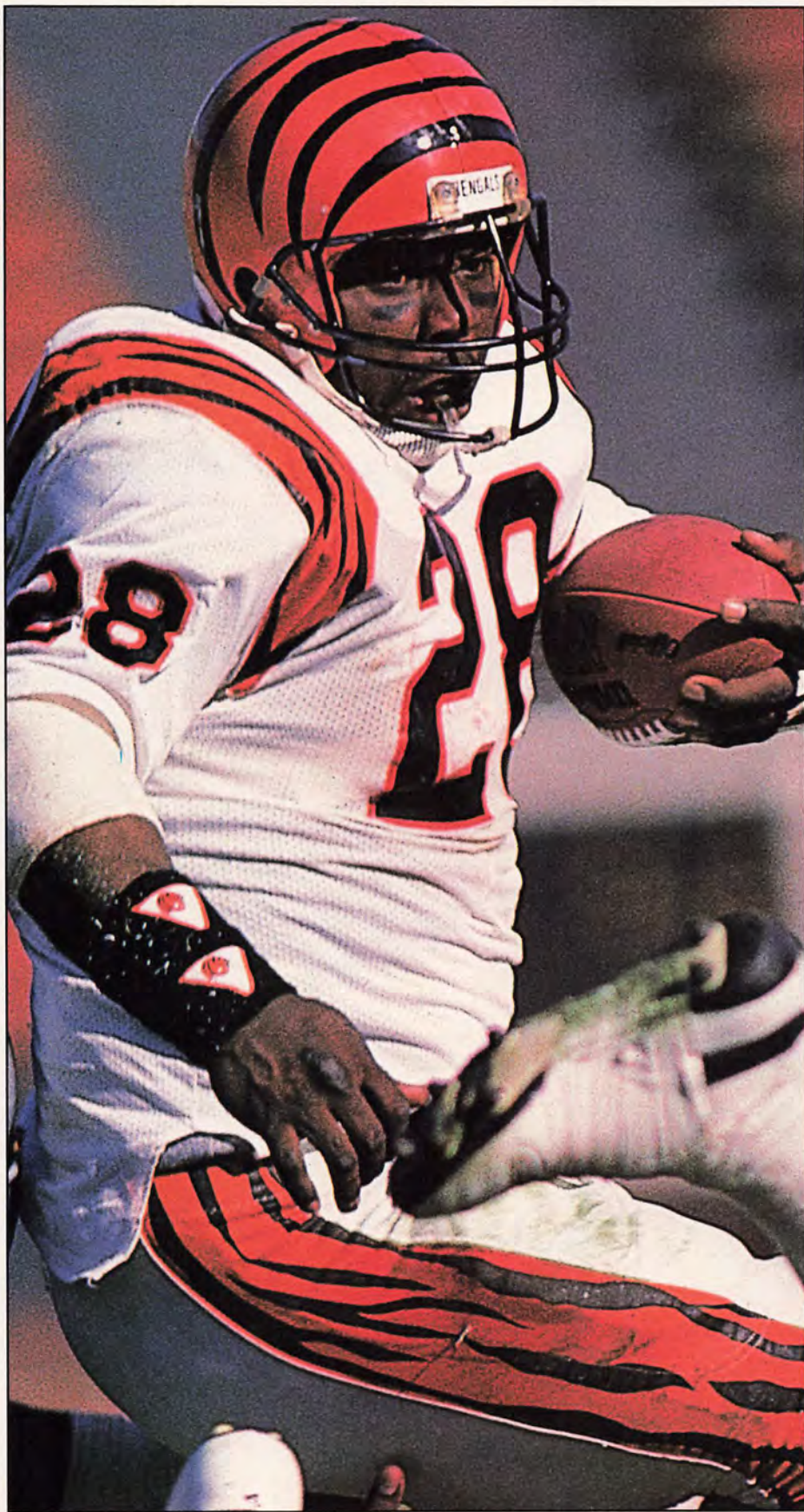
It figures that the Bengals will be counting on Brown again for another outstanding year if they are to challenge for the division title in the unpredictable AFC Central.

They threw all kinds of defenses at Eddie Brown last year: straight-up man-for-man; double zones, short, long and inside-outside; and tricky combinations he had never seen before. His coaches kept reminding him to read coverages on the move and make what they call "sight adjustments."

"The NFL is a much faster league than I'd been playing in," Brown says. "I didn't

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With Larry Kinnebrew making a weighty contribution, the Bengal offense doesn't drag its feet.

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realize how fast pro linemen are. I caught a pass one time and as I was getting away from one defender, a lineman nailed me. I could hardly believe it. Not until I got up did I know who it was. Then I saw it was Randy White.

"That first season, I wanted to become the best rookie that I could, hopefully get 1000 yards. I was only 50 or 60 or so yards away, so I'm proud of what I did. I also wanted to block well. I used to be a nice guy. I respected certain players because of their names. But that's something you can't do in the NFL, and I've tried to block it out of my mind. Sure, they have names, but you've still got your job to do, and you do it. One thing I'm looking for this year is more knockdowns (on blocks) of those guys with names."

Coach Sam Wyche, a former pro quarterback, says he expects defenses to overplay Collinworth and Brown this year and take their chances with Brooks, Holman and full-back Larry Kinnebrew.

"We're going to see roll-ups or double-coverage on both of them," Wyche says. "It's already happened. Teams will try to play our backs and tight end with linebacker coverage. I can just hear them saying, 'Collinworth and Brown can beat us; let's take that away from them and find out if their backs and tight end can.'"

Collinworth, who has averaged 62 catches, 990 yards and five touchdowns in his five-year career with the Bengals, says Brown's biggest challenge is to learn to adjust on the move against specific defenses.

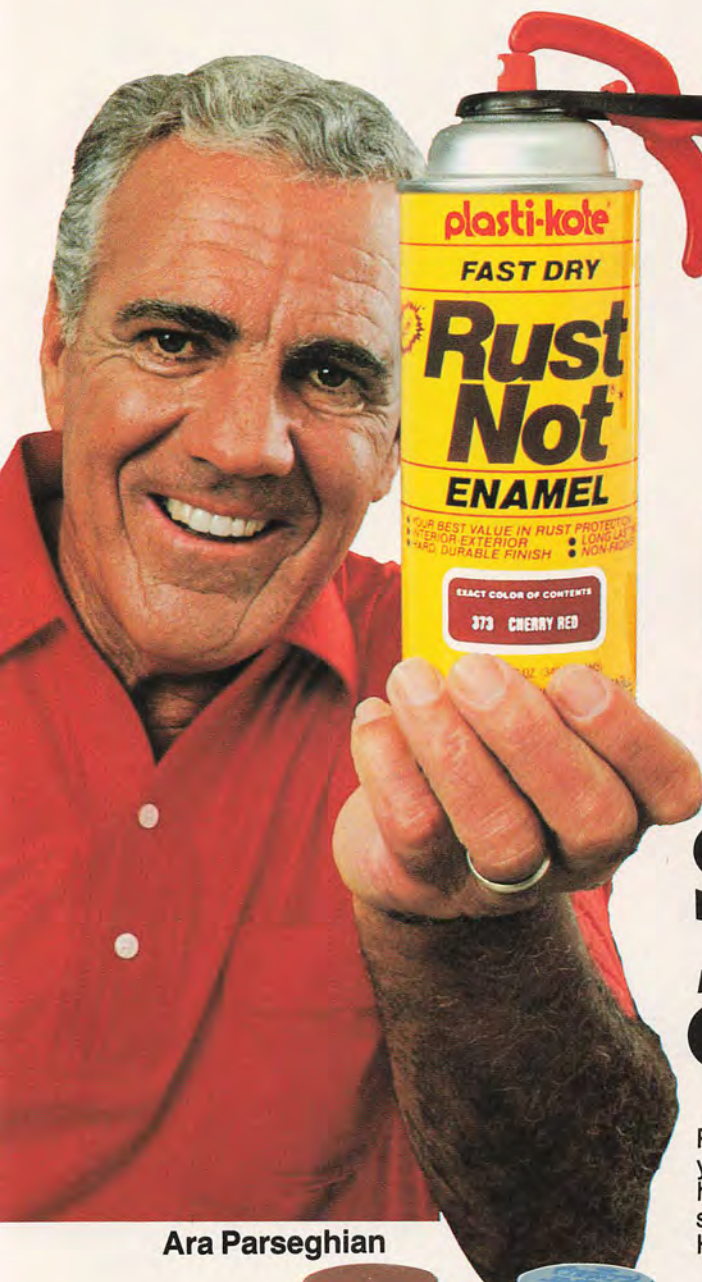
"There's a basic theory in playing quarterback," Collinworth says, "and that is that he doesn't want the ball. He either wants to hand it off or throw to somebody. Eddie understands that. He realizes there are times when a play isn't working, and you've got to find the best hole you can so the quarterback has someone he can throw to."

The Bengals, who finished 7-9 last year after a 2-5 start, must upgrade their shaky defense to contend in their division. They finished 22nd in total defense and 24th against the pass. The Eddie Edwards-Tim Krumrie-Ross Browner rush line, aided by a blitz now and then, had only 40 sacks, or one for every 13 pass attempts. A switch to the Bears' 46 style at mid-season was a step in the right direction.

The secondary, which hasn't sent a player to the Pro Bowl since cornerback Lemar Parrish in 1977, needs more role players. Louis Breeden, 32-year-old left corner, can still cover with excellent reaction to the ball, but he may be feeling his age after eight demanding seasons. Young right corner Ray Horton is still learning. The safeties, Bobby Kemp and James Griffin, hit a ton. Griffin had seven interceptions. Safety Robert Jackson is another hitter. He stole six passes.

A tougher, more consistent pass rush up-front would help. The Bengals also can turn

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Sunny Los Angeles is the perfect setting for this trio of rousing Raiderettes. Tina Jeanette (top left) holds her team in high esteem. If fortune smiles like Denise Franzen (top right), Los Angeles will be headed for a fourth Super Bowl win. Soraya Rodriguez (left) obviously takes the Raiders' chances seriously.

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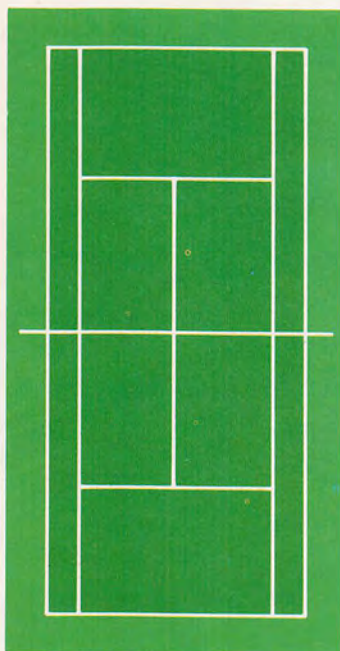
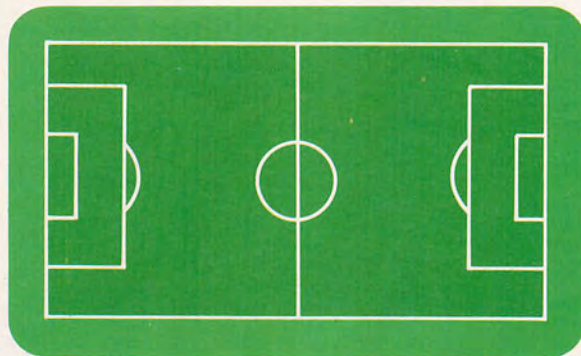
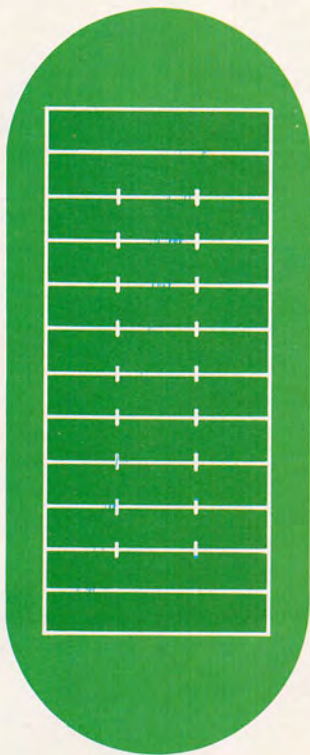
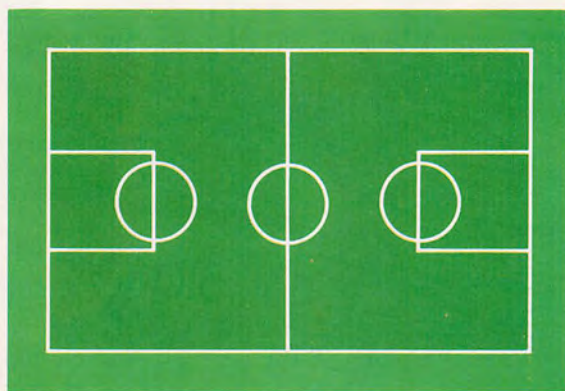
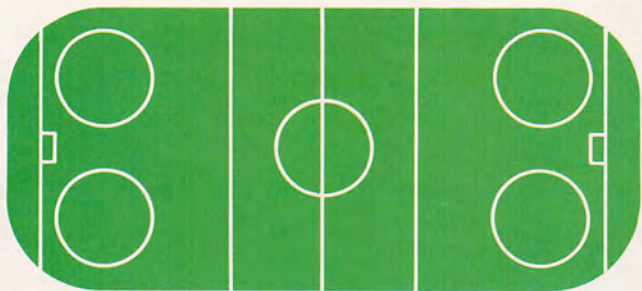


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San Francisco's Laurie Ryan (above) is a talented dancer and director of the Gold Rush, the 49ers' stellar dance team. Laurie has toured internationally and made several television appearances, including *The Tonight Show*. She performed with the Gold Rush at Super Bowl XIX and co-directed the pregame feature, *This is the NFL*. Cincinnati fans get a kick out of Debbie Horn (left). She models professionally and would like to make modeling her full-time career; in the meantime, she's the head administrator of a bankcard service. Multifaceted Debbie also enjoys tennis, skiing and teaching aerobics, and is proud to be a Ben-Gal.

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Swash-buc-ler Kim Blanton (right) sets a shining example for Tampa Bay fans. She's looking for the Buccaneers to be among the movers and shakers in the NFC Central. A few miles south, Miami's Nanette Monty (below) shows the spirit that led the Dolphins to the playoffs last year.

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What's wrong with the Pittsburgh Steelers?

For the first time since 1971, the Steelers were a losing football team with a 7-9 record. There were all kinds of explanations and opinions in the dressing room that was home for four Super Bowl champions. Cornerback Dwayne Woodruff suggested the Steelers lacked a "killer instinct." Quarterback David Woodley said the offense was too conservative. Inside linebacker David Little said the defense was too complex. Coach Chuck Noll said it was a lack of concentration.

Actually, the defense played well enough to rank sixth in the NFL. The ranking would have been even higher, but the Steelers gave up 31 points to Denver and 54 to San Diego in the final month of the season. Earlier, they held teams without a touchdown three times and under 20 points six times.

The Steelers head into the 18th year of the Noll era with more questions than answers. Fortunately, they don't have to worry about Mike Merriweather, one of the best outside linebackers in pro football.

Merriweather, who signed a \$550,000-a-year contract and made his second trip to the Pro Bowl, has tried to keep everything in the proper perspective. "Ego, oh, no, I don't have that kind of problem."

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Says Merriweather, who may be the fastest linebacker in the game with his 4.58 speed, "They tend to get guys out of here who act that way. Me, I'm just trying to earn a reputation."

That might have been true in 1982 when he was the Steelers' third-round draft pick. That year in training camp, he put on a daily show of quick, tenacious defense. It soon became obvious that he would eventually replace All-Pro Jack Ham on the left side.

"I've been fortunate," Merriweather says. "I'm playing professional football and it's fun. My father always kept me active in sports. I'm thankful for that."

Merriweather grew up in Vallejo, Calif., near San Francisco. "I was kind of wild," he says. "I ran around with the wrong people, and I wound up getting picked up for malicious mischief when I was in the seventh grade. They said I broke into an elementary school. But I was really just standing around with the wrong people. I got six months probation. That was my only experience with the law, but it was enough."

"For me, the big change came in my junior year in high school, when I accepted Jesus Christ. That's when I started to head in the right direction."

At Pacific University, Merriweather developed a reputation as a hitter without much speed. As a senior, he was timed at 4.8 seconds for 40 yards. That kind of time discourages pro scouts.

Merriweather worked with a track coach to improve his technique. He cut his time to 4.54-4.58. The scouts raved at his performances in two postseason games.

Success didn't come easily as a pro. "Here I was trying to fill the shoes of someone (Ham) who was good for so many years," Merriweather recalls. "Some people are psyched out by pressure, but I had help. The coaches understood the pressure I felt. And other linebackers like (Robin) Cole and (Jack) Lambert were supportive. They kept encouraging me."

In his second season as a starter (1984), Merriweather had a club record 15 sacks. The Steelers didn't gamble as much last year, and their sack total fell from 47 to 36. Merriweather's total dropped to four as the Steelers often flooded the secondary with six-, seven- and eight-man coverage combinations.

Noll feels the Steelers' defensive line, riddled by injuries to Gary Dunn, John Goodman, Keith Gary and Edmund Nelson, can develop into a solid unit. Left end Keith Willis played the best defense of his four-year career last season. On the other hand, rookie defensive end Darryl Sims, the club's No. 1 draft pick, struggled with the Steelers' system.

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Rugged, reliable, durable: Steeler center Mike Webster, in his 13th season, is the embodiment.

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"We have to execute perfectly," says Noll. "We can't afford a single mistake. In years past, we could make mistakes and overcome them. But now, we have to be efficient."

Despite the injuries in the line, the defense ranked among the league's best. The rebuilt Steel Curtain finished sixth overall, 12th best against the rush, second best against the pass. In the AFC, the Steeler defenders were second overall behind the Los Angeles Raiders but were first in defending the pass. They ranked sixth in the conference in stopping the run.

Safeties Donnie Shell and Eric Williams and cornerback Dwayne Woodruff were three of the league's top pass burglars. They picked off 13 of the team's 20 interceptions. Shell's four swipes upped his career total to 47, tops among all active NFL players.

The Steeler defense limited opponents to 273 first downs, which tied the Raiders for fewest allowed in the AFC. They held opponents under 100 yards rushing eight times.

While the defense was making a name for itself, the offense struggled, slipping to eighth overall in the conference.

If the Steelers are to dominate the AFC Central again, they must solve a perplexing quarterback problem, improve at tight end and develop depth in both lines and in the secondary.

Mark Malone, who won the starting quarter-

back job, was a 50 percent passer with an average of 6.13 yards per attempt. That was lowest among AFC quarterbacks. David Woodley, who is a better scrambler, was a 51 percent passer who threw twice as many interceptions as touchdowns (14-6). Opponents returned

Abercrombie prefers a QB who'll let him run.



five of those interceptions for touchdowns.

The fans got down on the Steelers at times.

"People in this town tend to compare a player with someone who is long gone," says Malone. "That's fine, but it seems a little strange that the guy (Terry Bradshaw) is perfect, now that he's gone. I remember when he was playing after winning four Super Bowls and heard boos."

The Steelers have exceptional receivers in John Stallworth, a three-time Pro Bowler who caught 75 passes for 937 yards and five touchdowns, and fleet Louis Lipps, who had 59 catches for 1,134 yards and 12 TDs. Lipps, a two-time Pro Bowl pick, also averaged 12.1 yards on punt returns, two for touchdowns. He rushed the ball as well and returned kickoffs. Rich Erenberg, a runner-receiver-returner, caught 32 passes and averaged 21.0 yards on kickoffs.

The running attack, with Walter Abercrombie hitting outside and Frank Pollard inside, didn't exactly bring back memories of the Franco Harris-Rocky Bleier years. But together, Abercrombie and Pollard totaled 1,842 yards and 10 TDs.

"I think we have the personnel and the confidence to run on people," says Abercrombie, the club's No. 1 pick from the 1982 draft that also produced Merriweather, safety Rick Woods and guard Emil Boures, all starters.

Abercrombie seems to prefer Malone, who has more faith in the Steelers' trap-and-sweep running game than Woodley.

"Mark is my kind of quarterback," the outspoken Abercrombie says.

Regardless of who starts at quarterback, he'll once again be taking snaps from center Mike Webster, entering his 13th NFL season. Webster went to the Pro Bowl for the eighth consecutive time last season and has never missed a game in his pro career.

Pittsburgh's special teams ranged from brilliant (field goals) to poor (kickoff coverage). Opponents averaged 24.1 yards on kickoff returns (27th in the NFL) and 8.8 yards on punt returns (11th).

Rookie punter Harry Newsome had some big games but averaged only 39.6 yards (32.5-yard net), 14th in the AFC. Gary Anderson was the standout on the special teams. He kicked a club record 33 field goals in 42 attempts.

Anderson lashed out at the coverage units last season. "I was just telling it like it was," he says. "We weren't very good on special teams. In the old days, when the Steelers were winning Super Bowls, the offense and defense were so good that if the special teams were average, it didn't matter. But it seems we don't have that caliber of team."

Stallworth doesn't see it that way at all. "This team is going to win again," says the 13-year veteran. "It's going to happen, and it's going to happen this year, mark my words."

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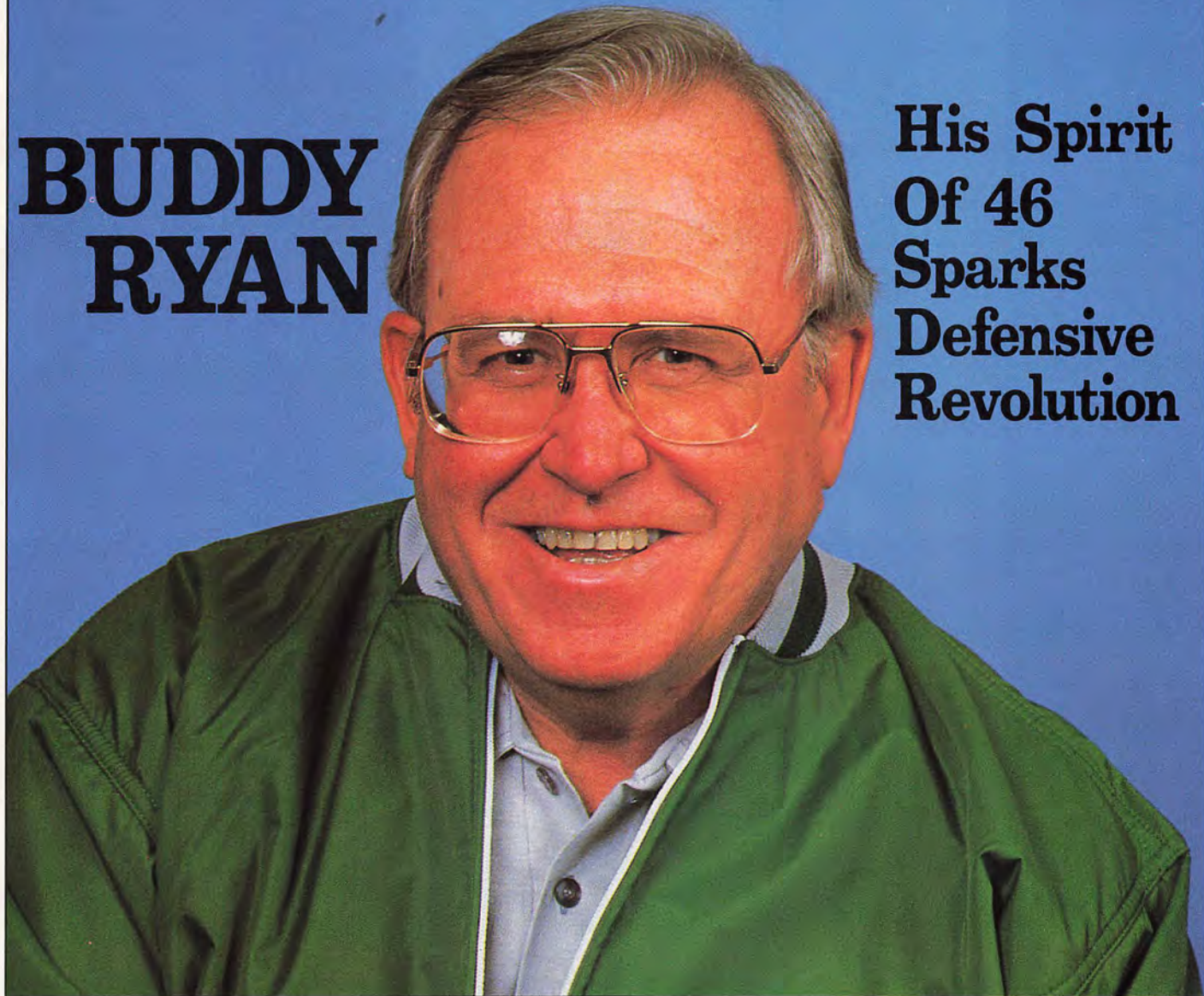
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BUDDY RYAN

His Spirit Of 46 Sparks Defensive Revolution



by Bob Oates Jr.

Going in, the two most interesting questions about the 1986 NFL season concern Mr. Buddy Ryan from Frederick, Okla.

Question One: Can the Chicago Bears win without him?

Question Two: Can the Philadelphia Eagles win with him?

Rarely in recent memory has a single pro football personality acquired so much attention and influence. As a human being, Buddy Ryan is an individualist, a character unto himself, who says what he thinks in no-nonsense tones and lets the world adjust as it may. As a football coach, he is that rarest commodity, a true innovator, out there with Clark Shaughnessy (whose idea-a-minute output included the motion-T offense that transformed the game in the 1940s), Bill Walsh (who first noticed that a dink pass could replace the off-tackle play) and, going way back, Amos Alonzo Stagg.

Ryan's brusque creativity has built for him an imposing reputation and no little notoriety. Now the intriguing question is this: Can an

engaging curmudgeon triumph through the sheer genius of his post-computer style?

Stay tuned, especially in Chicago, where the Bears will have to win with decent defensive material, a running back in his 30s, an injury-prone quarterback—and no Buddy Ryan. Mike Ditka's salvation may lie in his schedule, which intersperses amongst eight breathers provided by the NFL Central Division four more light items, courtesy of the AFC Central. The Bears could go 12-4 and then lose in the playoffs.

In Philadelphia, on the other hand, Ryan has drawn Godzilla, the Loch Ness monster and assorted other fire-breathers on a schedule that might daunt General George Patton. You get the feeling that's just how he wants it.

Ryan wasted no time unloading his lava-spewing style when he arrived in the City of Brotherly Love. Taunted with a nasty question at his first press conference (substance: The Eagles need offense; what are your credentials to run one?), Ryan erupted: "In 18 years, I defended every damn offense in the NFL, so I

think I'm qualified to know more about it than most offensive coordinators."

Shortly thereafter, Ryan decided to shift the best Eagle defensive lineman, Reggie White, from end to tackle. What did White say when you asked him to move inside?

"I didn't ask him. I *told* him."

Assessing Philadelphia's first draft choice of three years ago, running back Michael Haddix, Ryan allowed as how "he looks like a reject guard from the USFL."

Having reestablished his reputation for tact and diplomacy, Ryan raised again the paradox of his personality—how can someone so harsh gain and keep the love of his players? One of the game's better images shows the Bear defense on the sideline, mobbed around flinty Bear President Mike McCaskey in the final moments of last year's Super Bowl game, begging him to keep Ryan on. This demonstration revealed more than their desire to return to the Super Bowl. It showed their high personal regard for the man who drove them unmercifully. In this respect, pro football has

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had no one like Ryan since Vince Lombardi.

Asked how to account for this phenomenon, Ryan first says, "I have no idea. If I did, I'd bottle it and make a fortune."

On reflection, he offers something more. "I guess it's because I treat everybody the same way. I chew out All-Pros just like I chew out everybody else."

Evenhanded slave drivers are common in football, but they rarely command the respect, let alone admiration, of their players. Onlookers thus might add another point, something Ryan might not own up to himself. Beneath the bark and bluster, he really seems to care about his people. If he drives them, he does it for their own good and they sense it. Ryan is a tough nut, but his insides are good.

Remember the crusty old teacher who kept you cowering in your seat, then doled out a prized quarter-smile when you did something right? That's Ryan.

"It's like an old-time teacher," Ryan says of his coaching style. "With a teacher like that, you have to behave and learn whether you want to or not. The truth is, people respect discipline. They feel better if they have discipline than if you give them a free rein."

If most coaches have gone away from this style—acting like concerned friends rather than stern fathers—Ryan is an unrepentant throwback.

"You can't win being soft," he says. "I learned that, coaching and teaching high school in Texas. The teachers who did a good job were the teachers that kept discipline. If you try to be their friends, the students run all over you. Respect is more important than friendship."

Viewed from the perspective of 21st century football, however, Ryan the personality will not be as compelling as Ryan the innovator. What he achieved in eight years in Chicago was far more than the construction of a scarifying defense. It was a redefinition of the game.

For 80 years, defensive football teams lined up in balanced and orderly formations, and played in styles that can now be seen as basically safety-first. Then Ryan got his first defense to run. After 10 years as a defensive line coach (New York Jets, Minnesota Vikings), he had 11 positions to call his own, and he set about reinventing the sport. By the end, the Bears were charging with wild-eyed abandon from wildly skewed alignments. His famous 46 defense puts eight men up near the ball, with all three linebackers to the outside of the strong-side guard, and features a mind-numbing variety of stunts and blitzes.

In the process, Ryan dismantled offensive football as it had long been known. With eight men up close, lined up in the oddest places and stunting and jiving to confuse the blockers, conventional running games dissolved in the flux. Moreover, when teams tried to pass, quarterbacks found blitzers coming from every direction and pass coverages shimmering like

a mirage. Who else but Ryan assigned a middle linebacker (Mike Singletary) to a wide receiver? Who else put a defensive end (Richard Dent) in a downfield zone? Given little time to set up, and nonsense to read, quarterbacks suffered from neurophysiological overload—evinced as flubbery passes, reflex ducking, and a give-up mentality.

The constantly changing confusion bred by Ryan's defenses recalled Shaughnessy, who had once been a Bear defensive coach himself. Forever tinkering with every facet of the game, Shaughnessy put his credo boldly: "It doesn't matter what you do as long as it's new."

Ryan won't go quite this far. "Everything we do, we do for a reason," he says. But he has so many reasons, and so many responses, that the effect is the same. For instance, given a week to think about it, Los Angeles Rams Coach John Robinson doubtless could design a game plan to run the ball on a Bear defense that suddenly switched middle linebacker Singletary from strong side to weak and brought up safetyman Gary Fencik instead of Dave Duerson. In a week, yes, but in a few hectic hours of playoff pressure, no way. Ryan always wants to stay a step ahead, and he's willing to do the jitterbug to do it.

How world-shattering is Ryan's conception, really? We'll find out as he tries to re-create his masterpiece in Philadelphia.

In terms of tactics, however, Ryan has at least the chance of forcing offensive coaches out of some of their oldest and most cherished beliefs. Since defenses have usually stayed

It never crosses Ryan's mind that his 46 defense won't work for the Eagles, too.



put, with tackles where tackles are supposed to be and safeties back at safety, offensive coaches have had the luxury of running the same plays game in and game out, year in and year out. The ordinary running game is based on a handful of plays, invented in the distant past, and run through hot summer training camps ad nauseum. The emphasis is not on originality but execution. There is no question *what* you are going to do, but only how well. The goal is to maintain ball control through a series of repetitive plays.

Ryan has changed all that. He has already demonstrated that he will line up any of his people anywhere on his side of the ball, and the concept of execution collapses when the blockers don't know whom to execute against. You might get off a good run against a mature Ryan defense, but it will be largely happenstance, and there will be no way to count on it play after play. Execution and ball control become almost impossible.

The same thing happens to the largest part of the ordinary passing game. Since Ryan frequently puts his cornerbacks up in the bump-and-run, it's hard to complete the standard short and middle-distance passes in the time a quarterback has before the blitz arrives. Combine this with the mind-bending combination of pass coverages Ryan uses, and the sound, well-crafted passing attack largely disappears.

What's left? Ask Miami. You get a great quarterback and you throw at the defense play after play, looking not for steady gains but rather for a few big plays. Ryan takes away the ordinary runs and the ordinary passes. All you've got left is the chance to hit the big one against a defense that often lines up 10 men near the line of scrimmage. The game becomes a crapshoot, and only if you take enough chances can you hope to hit enough times. If you waste any plays trying to go off tackle or throw the hook, you play right into Ryan's hands.

Grousing about his loss to Miami, Ryan complained that the Dolphins hit an unusual number of long-gainers on third down. Implying that this was a fluke, he may have missed the point. Miami hit some big plays on third down because they were trying to hit big plays on most every down. If they missed on first and second, they tried again on third. Counting on the law of averages, they hit enough to win the game.

Given this sole example from last season, it seems that to beat Ryan, you have to give up most of the traditional truths of football and most of its order and structure as well. You have to adopt a wild, unstructured, high-risk style. It's a new game he's making you play—*his* game.

The future is intriguing.

We'll get a handle on what's coming by watching the Bears and Eagles this fall.

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Gary Hogeboom, obtained in a trade with the Cowboys, will direct the Colts' offense this season.

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NFL, and I know our guys are hungry. We're in our second year in a new system, and I think that will help, too."

As Indianapolis went to training camp, Gary Hogeboom appeared to be No. 1 quarterback with Jack Trudeau in the backup role. The Colts dropped Mike Pagel in May. Indianapolis traded with Dallas for Hogeboom immediately prior to the spring draft and then drafted Trudeau, the Illinois star. Hogeboom was drafted by the Cowboys in the fifth round in 1980. He didn't even get in a game until two years later and then threw only eight passes. In 1984 he completed 195 of 367 throws for 2,366 yards and seven touchdowns. Last year his figures were 70-126-978-5.

The Colts had a problem at running back when Curtis Dickey, the oft-injured halfback, did not produce. Dickey carried the ball only nine times before Dowhower waived him early in November.

Fullback Randy McMillan managed only 13 carries the first month of the season but finished strong, leading the team with 858 yards rushing, a 4.5-yard average and seven touchdowns. George Wonsley was close behind with 716 yards and six touchdowns.

Throwing the football was not a team strength, particularly after Dowhower got rid of Raymond Butler and Tracy Porter, the team's leading receivers in 1984. Their replacements were not all that productive. Former Steeler Wayne Capers averaged 17.5 yards a catch. The leading receiver was tight end Pat Beach, who had only 36 receptions. Wide receiver Robbie Martin gained a total of 1,232 yards, combining 23 yards rushing, 128 yards receiving, 638 yards in kickoff returns and 443 yards in punt returns. Clearly, the Colts have to improve the passing game to be a playoff contender, let alone a .500 team.

The performance of Chris Hinton, a Pro Bowl lineman who missed most of the 1984 season with a knee injury, helped this unit considerably. In '84, the Colts allowed 58 sacks. Last season, that total fell to 35, even though tackle Jim Mills, another outstanding lineman, missed most of the year with a shoulder injury.

The defensive line had serious problems. Starters Leo Wisniewski at nose guard and Blaise Winter at end sat out the season on injured reserve. The pass rush was ineffective (Colts linemen totaled only 19 sacks), but that

could change if those two return to form.

The linebacking, which returns Bickett, Johnie Cooks and veteran Barry Krauss, was solid and occasionally spectacular. There was improvement in the defensive backfield. In 1984, the Colts allowed 31 touchdown passes. Last season that total dropped to a more respectable 24. Linebacker Cliff Odom led all tacklers with 192, 117 unassisted.

The secondary returns Eugene Daniel, who has 14 career interceptions. Strong safety Nesby Glasgow led the secondary in tackles with 98, which was fourth best on the team.

The Colt special teams were inconsistent, though punter Rohn Stark led the NFL with a career-high average of 45.9 yards. Raul Allegre slipped badly, missing 10 of 26 field-goal attempts, including two from inside the 30. Robbie Martin was fourth in the AFC in punt returns with an 11.1-yard average.

The Colts are not yet ready to challenge for supremacy in perhaps the toughest division in the league, with three of the five teams in the playoffs last year.

"But we're going to be respectable," Bickett says. "We're young, we're eager and we will surprise people this year."

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It was the best offense that Owner Bud Adams could buy. When the Houston Oilers opened last season, they had four first-round draft picks, the 1983 Heisman Trophy winner (Mike Rozier) and a \$5.5 million quarterback from the Canadian League (Warren Moon) in the lineup.

But when the season ended, the struggling Oilers ranked 24th in total offense, which was where they stood two years ago before Adams paid big money for Moon and Rozier. In mid-December the Oilers changed head coaches (their fourth in six years), turning the team over to defensive coordinator Jerry Glanville, who beat offensive candidates Dick Coury and Paul Hackett for the job, largely on the recommendation of General Manager Ladd Herzeg and Vice President Mike Holovak.

"I don't set goals," says Rozier. "I can't say I'm going to get 2,000 yards. If I didn't do it, reporters would come back and ask me why."

"Hiring Hugh Campbell was the worst mistake of my career," Herzeg admits. It turns out that Campbell was hired merely to lure Moon, who threw 67 touchdown passes in his final two years at Edmonton but only 27 (with 33 interceptions) in two years at Houston.

Moon has a formidable arm and classic 6-3 size. But he's found clever NFL defenses tougher to read than those he saw in Canada. In fairness to Moon, he missed three games last year with hip injuries and was restrained by conservative game plans until the final month. He then passed for 669 yards and four touchdowns in losses to the New York Giants and Cleveland, which ranked second and ninth in defense.

A standout running back could help Moon. Glanville is eager to work with the combination of Butch Woolfolk and Rozier, who has enormous potential as a runner-receiver.

Rozier signed a historic \$3.1 million contract with the United States Football League's Pittsburgh Maulers in 1984. He moved to Jacksonville when the Maulers folded and ended up in Houston through a complicated buyout. His Oiler contract for four years is believed to be worth more than \$2 million.

Rozier was rated the best running back in the 1984 draft following a 4,780-yard, 49-touchdown career at Nebraska. He averaged 7.2 yards per rush. But with the Maulers, he struggled with ankle and knee problems. At Jacksonville, he regained his form and rushed for 1,361 yards against the USFL's smaller linebackers and slower down linemen. He can bench-press over 325 pounds, cover 40 yards in 4.5 seconds and has a quick takeoff and excellent balance. Including his final season at Nebraska, he has played in 64 games within a 28-month period. 1986 will be the first time he hasn't had to face back-to-back seasons (Nebraska-Pittsburgh in 1983-84; Jacksonville-Houston in 1985).

"I don't set goals," says Rozier. "I can't say I'm going to get 2,000 yards. If I didn't do it, reporters would come back and ask me why. I have to keep my stamina. I've been running the ball all of my life, and I've been doing it pretty well."

Rozier scored eight touchdowns last year but rushed for only 462 yards from Houston's scattershot offense. He caught only nine passes. Woolfolk, used as a swing receiver, caught 80, fourth-highest total in club history.

"Everybody thought I was washed up in the USFL," says Rozier. "They said, 'He's not sure what he wants to do. He doesn't even want to play ball.' Even the coaches at Jacksonville weren't sure I was capable of doing the job."

"Mike's biggest problem was learning four offenses in three years," says Moon. "I've tried to help him, but I don't want him to become too dependent on me."

Rozier's other problem is adapting to a two-back offense. Through most of his career, he played tailback in an I-formation. After taking a deep handoff, he would simply pick a hole and accelerate through.

"I'm trying to keep my mind clear and do the best I can," he says. "I'm tired of press conferences and having my picture taken holding up jerseys."

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The Oilers have been playing under a waning Warren Moon compared to his Canadian years.

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Rozier was miffed early last season when he was yanked in and out of games and didn't develop the rhythm that great runners need. Then, in a 44-27 rout of Cincinnati, Rozier exploded for 75 yards, including a 30-yard breakaway, his longest run of the year.

"I was always ready to play," he says. "They just didn't give me the ball."

Asked to describe his style, Rozier says, "I'm a thinking-type runner. I'm small (5-10, 198), and I have to watch for openings and react behind the blockers. The better I know the linemen, the more effective I am as an inside-outside runner.

"Football is a job. You have to have fun doing it. I always have. I'm excited about being able to play behind a great offensive line. I've dreamed about playing in the NFL since I was a kid."

No doubt Rozier dreamed about the financial security, too, which he now has for the rest of his life. At 25, he has three homes, a \$60,000 blood-red Mercedes, interests in two fast-food restaurants and a deal with an athletic shoe company. "It's nice to wake up and feel you've got no problems," he says.

This season is crucial to Rozier, who can no longer complain of fatigue from an extra season or unfamiliarity with the Oilers' offense. Houston's line is a collection of former All-Americans: Mike Munchak, Bruce Matthews, Harvey Salem and Dean Steinkuhler. All have size, strength and quickness.

"We know that people are expecting a lot from us," says Munchak, the Oilers' first pick in the 1982 draft. "And that's OK with us. We expect a lot from ourselves."

But the Oilers have problems. Indeed, it seems as if the Oilers have always had problems.

Despite the familiar blue-chip names, the offense hasn't learned to put together 65-yard scoring drives with any consistency. Moon has shown only flashes of brilliance. His receivers, Drew Hill and Tim Smith, are both capable of 1000-yard seasons (Hill totaled 1,169 yards on 64 catches last year). But the running game sputtered and wheezed under Campbell's shuttle system. Three backs—Rozier, Woolfolk and fullback Larry Moriarty—got over 100 carries each, but none topped 500 yards. The club rushing average was 3.7 yards.

Glanville hired yet another offensive coordinator, Dick Jamieson, from St. Louis. Jamieson likes a pass-run blend, one feeding off the other, and a shotgun on third-and-long. Glanville kept Bill Walsh to handle the Oilers' young line. Gary Huff was hired from the USFL's Memphis Showboats to work with Moon and backup Oliver Luck.

The defense, once considered to be one of the best in football, ranked 28th against the run (175.9-yard average), 18th against the pass (208.8, 29 TDs) and 27th in total yards allowed (384.7). Campbell's gambling style

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passing game a year ago. Seventy-nine passes went to the tight ends. Dickerson and running back Barry Redden combined for 36 additional Brock completions.

The offensive line, with Pro Bowl guards Dennis Harrah and Kent Hill, tackle Jackie Slater and center Doug Smith, is solid and can't be blamed for the erratic Ram attack.

Robinson says that some of the running load must be shifted from Dickerson. Last year Redden carried only 87 times for 380 yards. Charles White carried 70 times for 310 yards. White, entering his sixth season, could be the man who provides Dickerson more time to catch his breath.

"There are new teams in the Super Bowl each year," he says. "One of them might be us this time."

Robinson may have to venture away from his one-back attack and join the teams who are designing a medium-range, ball-control passing game. Then, when chance-taking is merited, try for the long ball to Brown or Ellard.

If the offense becomes balanced, the Rams have to be viewed as a threat to Chicago's Super Bowl title. They have the defensive potential and special teams second to none. Ellard led the NFC in punt returns with a 13.5-yard average, including an 80-yarder for a touchdown. Punter Dale Hatcher finished second in the conference with a 43.2-yard average, and kicker Mike Lansford contributed 104 points.

Defensively, the Rams have a solid corps of veterans upfront and in the secondary. More importantly, everyone appears healthy.

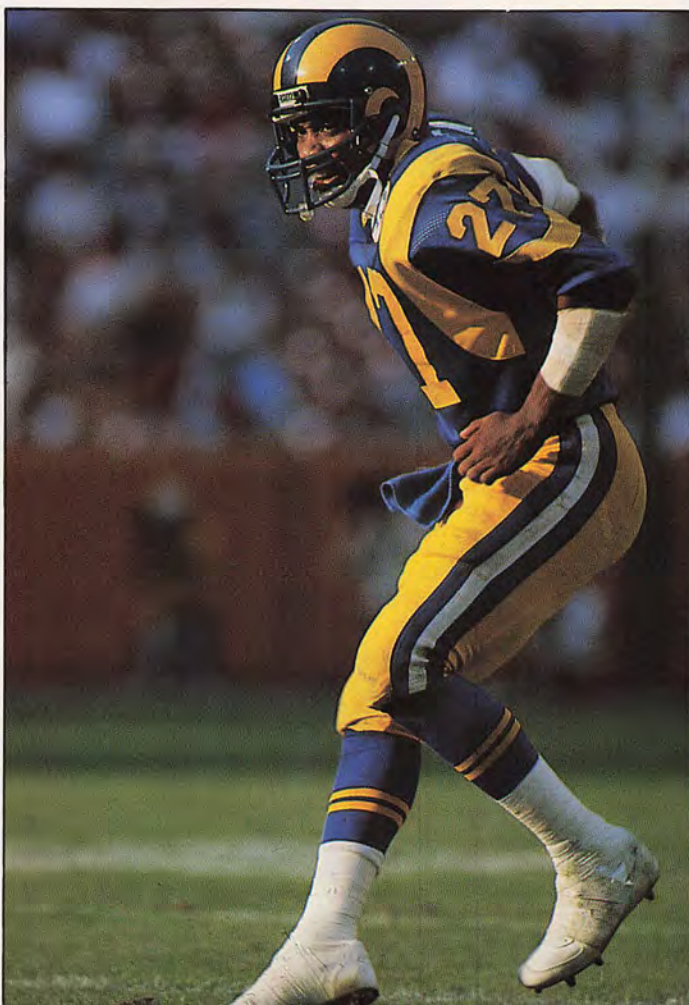
Cornerbacks Gary Green and LeRoy Irvin had six interceptions each and earned trips to the Pro Bowl. Safety Johnnie Johnson collected five interceptions to help the Rams finish third in the NFC. Safety Nolan Cromwell added a couple of steals in addition to 76 tackles.

The linebackers are paced by Jim Collins, the team's leading tackler (140), and Mike Wilcher, who got to opposing quarterbacks for 12½ sacks. Mel Owens (68 tackles, nine sacks) and Carl Ekern (118 tackles) round out an impressive corps.

Upfront, there are four defensive ends who again will see considerable work: Gary Jeter (11 sacks), Doug Reed (7½ sacks), Dennis Harrison (three) and Reggie Doss, who had seven solo tackles in the NFC title game loss to Chicago. Nose tackle Shawn Miller came on strong a year ago with five sacks and 35 tackles.

Robinson has cause for optimism. "There are new teams in the Super Bowl each year," he says. "One of them might be us this time. Rams fans realize we're getting close. We're knocking on the door."

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Henry Ellard (above) was the Rams' leading pass receiver, and Gary Green (left) was tied with LeRoy Irvin as top interceptor.

(San Francisco continued)

yards and fifth in rushing with 2,232 yards.

And there is defensive promise as well. Nose tackle Michael Carter, Olympic silver medalist in the shot put, wasted little time establishing himself as a standout. Along with cornerback Eric Wright, he earned a Pro Bowl invitation (injuries prevented Wright's playing). Drawing double-team blocking in the middle, Carter's presence enabled defensive ends Jeff Stover and Dwaine Board to have field days. Board had 11½ quarterback sacks and Stover got 10. Board also forced three fumbles.

Linebacking is good with Riki Ellison, the team's leading tackler with 106 stops, heading a list that includes Mike Walter (81 tackles), Keena Turner, Todd Shell and Milt McColl.

The secondary needs only a clean bill of health to rank with the best in the NFL. Names like Ronnie Lott, Carlton Williamson, Dwight

Hicks, Jeff Fuller and Wright are familiar to opposing wide receivers. Lott had a busy year, leading the team in interceptions with six and ranking second in tackles with 104. Hicks had four interceptions and Williamson three, but the 49ers managed only 18 to rank ninth in the conference.

The positives outweigh the negatives. "This is an outstanding team," says Craig.

Walsh was displeased by the number of deep passes completed against his team. "We had good pressure most of the time upfront," he says, "but we were burned deep too often.

We need to improve coverage, and we have the personnel to do it."

In the specialty areas, the 49ers will again look to Dana McLemore to return punts (he averaged 6.8 yards) and Carl Monroe to return kicks. Monroe was third in the NFC with a 25.6-yard average, including a 95-yard touchdown gallop.

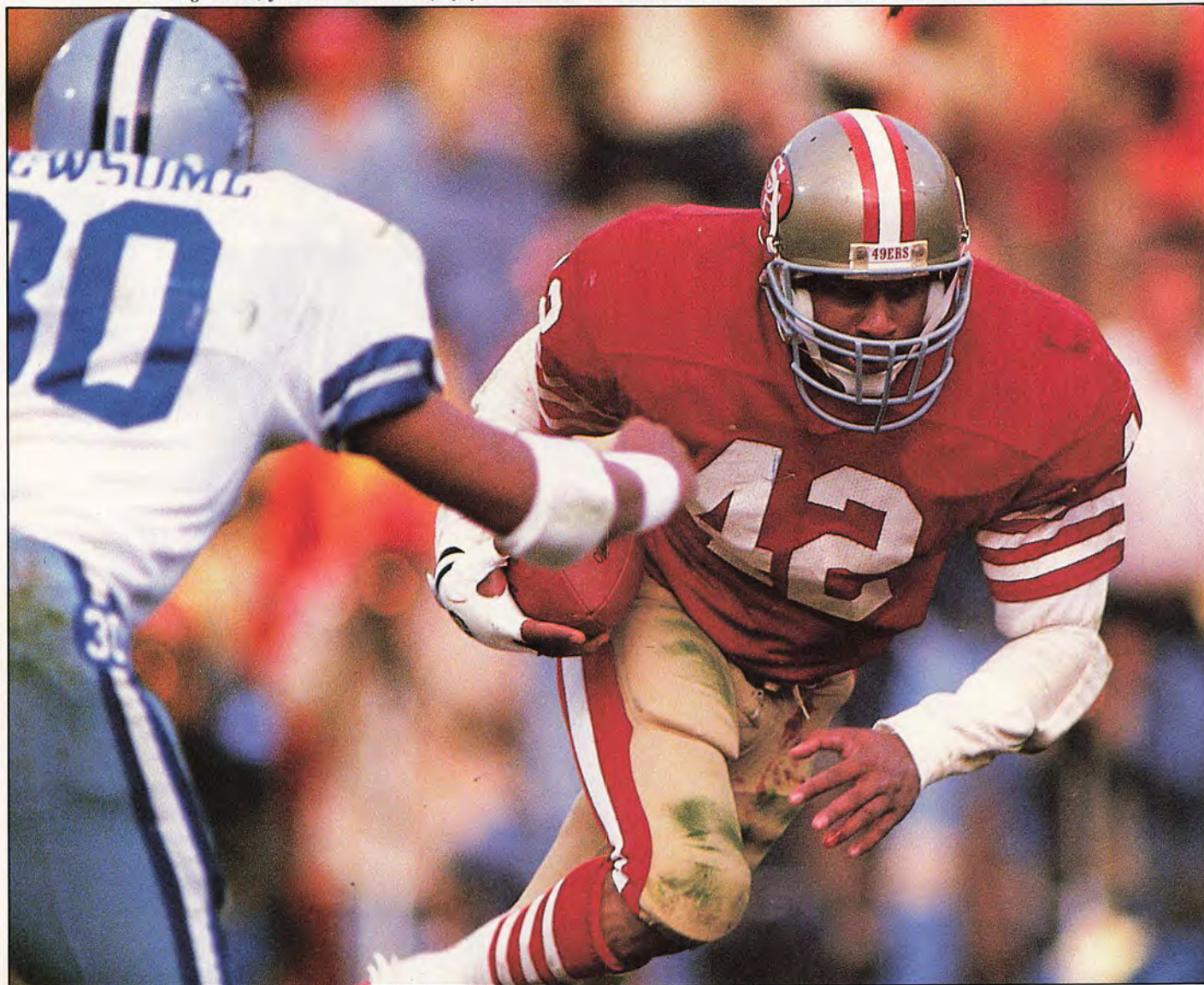
Max Runager had an up-and-down season as a punter, averaging 39.8 yards per boot. Ray Wersching placed 11th among NFC field-goal kickers. He hit on 13 of 21 attempts.

Still, the positives outweigh the negatives. "This is an outstanding team," says Craig. "For reasons we may never completely understand, we made a lot of mistakes last year—mistakes that beat us. I'd like to think we will put them behind us and start fresh."

That is just what rivals fear will happen.

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Stealing the ball, if not the show, is a way of life with Ronnie Lott, who has 37 interceptions at USC (14) and San Francisco (23).





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You might describe Marcus Allen as a resident of Hog Heaven these days. Of course, he isn't a hog. They play football for the Redskins, not the Raiders. Actually, they don't really "play football" in the strictest sense. They sort of wallow around in the mud with the ball. And, if he had a light lunch, the left guard might attempt to eat it.

Marcus Allen doesn't do that. What he does is run the football from here to there, and then he just might spike it. Sometimes he takes a direct handoff or a pitch from the quarterback. Allen gained 1,759 yards that way in 1985. He moved the ball another 555 yards on pass receptions. He led the league in rushing and . . . well, you get the idea. He kept busy.

Finally, Allen was allowed to play tailback, which is what he does best. And now he's the reigning NFL Most Valuable Player as well as Offensive Player of the Year.

And this is exactly the kind of work load that the former Heisman Trophy winner from Southern California has always wanted.

Allen's high school coach decided that he should be a quarterback. To protest the assignment, he purposely spent one entire afternoon dropping the snap from center.

He was kicked off the team but reinstated after he begged for a second chance. Then he led Lincoln High of San Diego through an undefeated championship season, passing for 18 touchdowns, running for 12 and intercepting 11 passes in the defensive backfield.

John Robinson, Allen's coach at Southern California, decided that he had to apprentice as a fullback and a blocker for Charles White. On the first practice play that fall, Allen broke his nose.

"I looked down and saw blood all over my shirt," he remembers. "I said, 'Hey, did I hurt somebody?'"

The first time he was handed the football in a regular game, against Texas Tech, he fumbled. "He was trying hard to do something that he didn't want to do," says Robinson, who now coaches the Los Angeles Rams. "Plus he was giving away 30 pounds doing something—blocking on linebackers—that he didn't know how to do."

Finally, Allen was allowed to play tailback, which is what he does best. And now he's the reigning NFL Most Valuable Player as well as Offensive Player of the Year.

Tom Flores might not have planned it that way. After all, the Raider coach didn't schedule an injury for quarterback Jim Plunkett at the start of the '85 campaign. He didn't realize that his other quarterback, Marc Wilson, would have to play crippled for half the season or that pass-blocking would break down in the offensive line.

All of a sudden, Allen was the Raider offense, for better or for worse.

Bet on better.

In the fifth game, running out of the tailback slot in the I-formation and looking every inch the Trojan of old, Allen rushed for 129 yards against Kansas City.

He ran 28 plays from scrimmage the next week against New Orleans. Not another Raider running back got to touch the ball until the two-minute warning had been sounded.

Beginning with the game against the Chiefs, Allen gained 100 or more yards rushing in 11 of the last 12 regular-season contests.

Far to the north of Los Angeles, Seattle Seahawks fans spend half the fall and winter in "Raider Buster" T-shirts. There isn't a more intense rivalry in the AFC West. Midway through the season, Seahawk coaches began to take note, watching Allen in scouting films or in action against their own defense.

"His running sense and cutting ability are outstanding," Seattle superscout Mike Allman says. "If he had Tony Dorsett's speed, he'd be unstoppable."

"Marcus Allen is a great running back and a great receiver," Seahawk Coach Chuck Knox concludes. "As a receiver, he has the knack of finding holes in zone defenses. As a runner, he has great vision. He'll start to sweep right and turn it into a sweep left and run 65 yards."

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Push on—keep moving: What else can Todd Christensen do after a catch in heavy traffic?

(Los Angeles Raiders continued)

Well, rival coaches tend to exaggerate. Actually, Allen ran only 61 yards after reversing his field against Denver. That sprint keyed an overtime victory for the Raiders and hinted that they might be destined for yet another AFC West championship. You see, Denver's looming linebacker, Karl Mecklenburg, thought he was destined to nail Allen near the line of scrimmage until he was wiped out in a collision with the game umpire.

This season Allen again may be a major part of the Raider offense.

Although the verbal attention focused on Wilson differed from that accorded Allen, the Raiders were 11-2 in Wilson's 13 regular-

season starts, and his career won-loss record is 24-11. Yet he played a reserve role at the start, until Plunkett suffered a dislocated left shoulder when sacked by San Francisco's Jeff Stover.

Wilson was greeted with boos when he trotted out onto the field to replace Plunkett.

"I hadn't done one thing yet," Wilson sighs in recollection. "I had just showed up for the game. Maybe I parked in the wrong spot."

Rusty Hilger, second-year quarterback, may get his chance but he's untested.

Whoever the Raider quarterback is this year, he won't be deprived of talented targets. Wide receiver Dokie Williams, third-year pro out of

UCLA, averaged a remarkable 19.3 yards on 48 receptions, and Todd Christensen's 82 receptions was second-highest in team history, trailing only his own record of 92 set in 1983.

Bruce Davis, Raider Offensive Lineman of the Year, teamed with tackle Henry Lawrence, guards Mickey Marvin and Charley Hannah, and center Don Mosebar to help the Raiders average 338 yards of offense.

What was diagnosed as a weakness in the attack early last season should be a strength in 1986. In their first nine games, the Raiders' offensive line allowed 33 sacks. In their last seven games, they gave up only 10.

The Raider defense is a force derived from many sources.

Howie Long, who once marched into a Seattle huddle and told the startled trainer, "Give me that water; they don't need it; they're not doing anything," is coming off another Pro Bowl season and happily sharing his Dixie Cup with a couple of other talented down linemen.

Middle guard Bill Pickel emerged as the Raiders' sack leader last year. And it took only one year for 6-7, 275-pound Sean Jones to make the transition from Northeastern University to the NFL. In last year's opening game, he had six tackles against the Jets and sacked Ken O'Brien three times.

Rookie linebacker Reggie McKenzie proved to be the same sort of draft-day (10th round) discovery. He is already a starter at inside linebacker along with aggressive Matt Millen, who had 10 tackles against Atlanta. Defensive captain Rod Martin teams with 6-5 Brad Van Pelt on the outside.

Pro Bowler Mike Haynes and Lester Hayes are outstanding cornerbacks.

The Raiders also seem set again this year on special teams, keyed by punter Ray Guy and field-goal specialist Chris Bahr, coming off his third consecutive 100-point season.

Allen may not match last year's numbers, but if the efficiency of the Raiders' passing game improves just slightly, he may not have to.

On a couple of occasions over the past few years, Flores has seen both Plunkett and Wilson forced from the field with injuries. But he has not yet had to form a pass pocket around Allen, who threw for 1,900 yards as a high school senior.

Oklahoma scouts recruited Allen as a quarterback. But he saw himself as another O.J. Simpson. And now he sees the genuine article almost every day. Allen and Simpson live just a few blocks away from each other in Brentwood, a high-rent, high-profile district in Los Angeles.

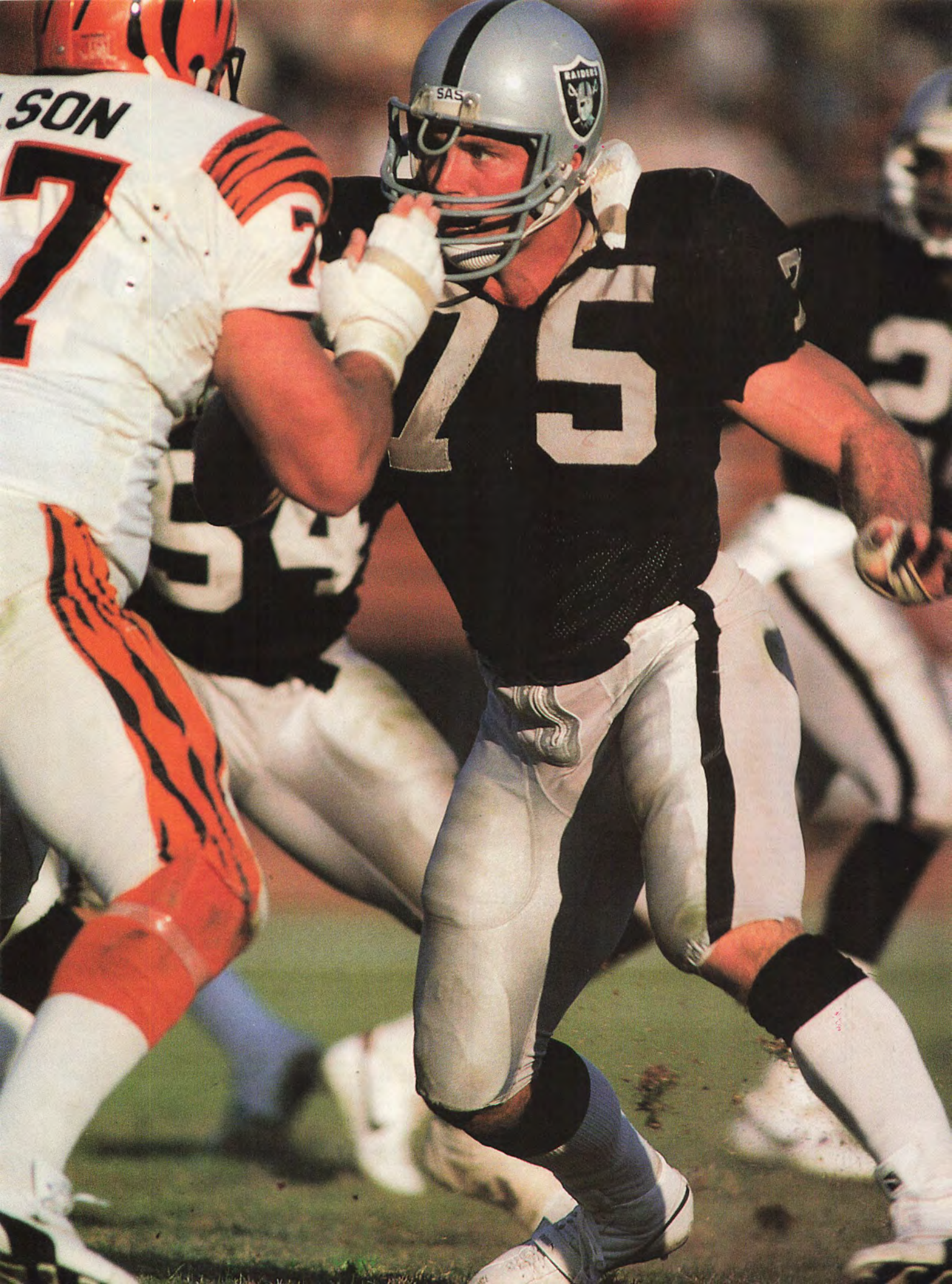
"I'd be a liar if I said I didn't like being famous," Allen says. "You try to keep everything in perspective. But it's tough sometimes. There's always people telling you how great you are."

And they aren't all grizzled Seahawk scouts.

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A confrontation with Howie Long generally insures coming off second best. →

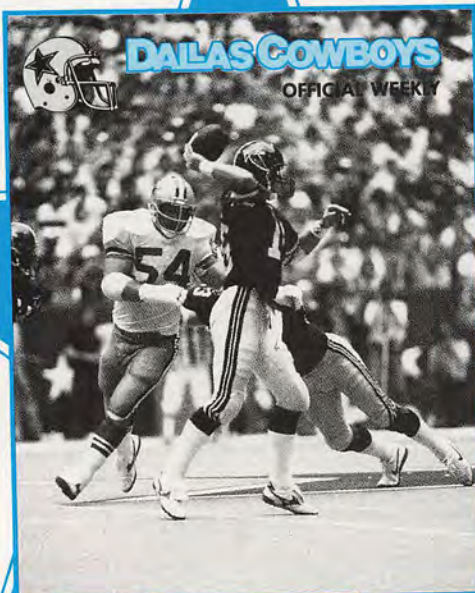




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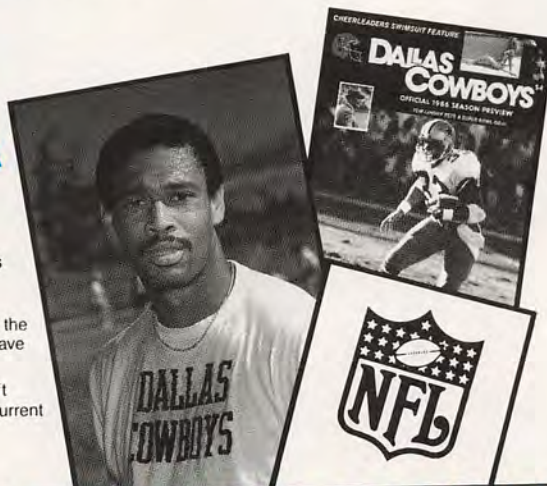
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Tom Landry's Personal MVP

by Carlton Stowers

In a world that reserves most of its applause for those with uncommon talent, Dallas Cowboys wide receiver Mike Renfro has learned to be comfortable with his station in life. In a field dominated by men of great speed and size, he has spent eight seasons laughing at those who insist he is too small and a step too slow to qualify for stardom.

There is evidence in favor of Renfro's critics. He's never been to the Pro Bowl or been All-Pro; he's had no 1000-yard seasons. Few headlines have proclaimed him a Sunday hero.

At 31, Renfro is nearing the end of a rather unglamorous football career. A blue-collar worker among high-style superstars, he wears jeans and cowboy boots. He feels most at home on his 30-acre Rocky Ridge Ranch, located 15 miles west of his hometown Fort Worth. Which is to say he is light years removed from the urban cowboy image of many of his teammates.

Yet Coach Tom Landry points to him as the most valuable member of a surprising Dallas team that, despite predictions, went 10-6 and won the NFC East title last year. On a team populated by the Tony Dorsetts and Randy Whites and Ed "Too Tall" Joneses, the 6-0, 190-pound Renfro stood tall. He caught 60 passes for 955 yards and eight touchdowns—all career highs—and was at his best in the games that counted most.

In Dallas' 28-21 victory over the New York Giants that clinched the division title, Renfro caught four passes for 123 yards and two TDs. In the season opener against division rival Washington, he caught five passes for 99 yards, including a game-breaking 55-yard touchdown.

"The big plays Mike made against New York and Washington probably won the division for us," says Landry, who tosses out compliments sparingly.

Renfro is known as a "possession-type" receiver. Translation: He's reliable; not fast, but sure-handed; when the quarterback's favorite target is covered, he looks to Renfro. Few have ever labeled him a deep threat. Since he was drafted in 1978 by the Houston Oilers, there have been few game plans that have promised him a feature role.

The drawing Texan, who learned the fine points of the game from father Ray, former Cleveland Browns Pro Bowl wide receiver and Dallas assistant coach, is not one to voice complaints, however. "I like to think that people will look back on my career and give me credit for being knowledgeable enough and working hard enough to survive in the league as long as I did," Mike says.

Ray Renfro, who spent 12 years with the

Mike Renfro extends himself on every play.



Browns, has fond recollections of the days when his son would accompany him to Saturday practices before Cleveland home games. "He was only five or six," Renfro says, "but he would run around in the snow, catching passes from the other kids. I don't think he planned to be a football player back then, but the exposure to the game didn't hurt. He saw that it took hard work to be good.

"I'm prejudiced, of course, but I don't know any other player who has worked harder or dedicated himself more completely to the game. I think that attitude developed very early."

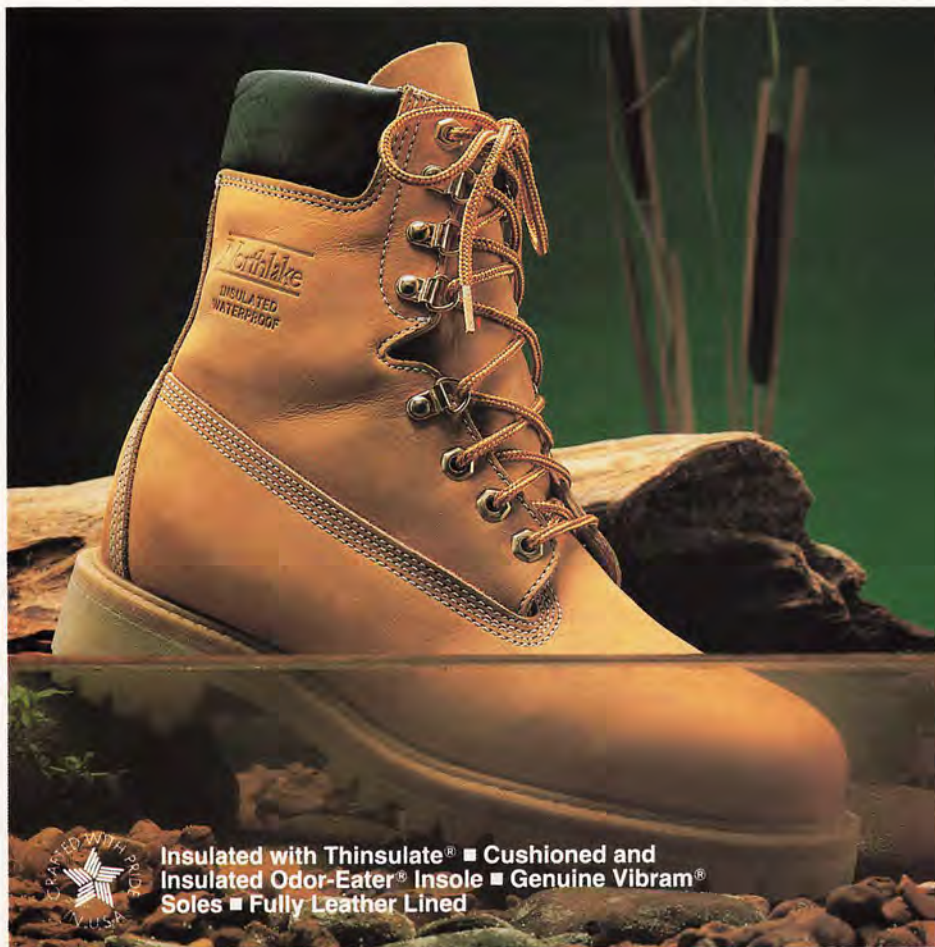
Mike's association with the game continued when the elder Renfro joined Landry's coaching staff from 1968 to '72. Mike attended practices and served as a water boy at games in the Cotton Bowl.

"When I was a kid, guys like Walt Garrison, Bob Hayes and Don Meredith were my heroes," Mike says. "Don would throw a few passes to me now and then. I may hold some kind of record. I'm probably the only Dallas receiver who has caught passes from Don Meredith and Danny White. That spans a long stretch of this team's history."

For the first six years of his pro career, the former Texas Christian standout labored with the run-oriented Houston Oilers. Renfro started in 50 games and caught 160 passes, 11 for touchdowns. Such statistics hardly were ammunition for negotiating the high-priced contracts that many wide receivers were commanding. Renfro began thinking more and more of buying the ranch he had long dreamed of. Pro football was becoming little more than a job. The fun was gone.

Then, in a surprising move, Renfro was traded to Dallas prior to the 1984 season for the gifted but controversial wide receiver Butch Johnson. There were those in Dallas, including some Cowboys, who wondered at the logic of swapping a big-play receiver for a player whose greatest claim to fame was that he ran good short routes and could be counted on to hang onto the ball. Even Tex Schramm, president and general manager, publicly admitted that the main purpose of the deal was to get rid of the outspoken Johnson. Acquiring Renfro was an insurance move. He would serve nicely

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as a spot receiver in ball-control situations.

"Frankly, I was shocked by the trade," Renfro says. "I was almost 30 then, and I was seriously considering going into real estate full time. But then I began to think about playing on a winning team."

That prospect appealed to Renfro. Though he established school records and was All-Southwest Conference at TCU, the Horned Frogs posted a dismal 4-40 record during his four-year career. In his last three years with Houston, the Oilers were 7-9, 1-8 and 2-14.

"Thinking about the possibility of playing for the Cowboys got my juices flowing again," he says.

Renfro has proved to be a vital part of the Dallas offense. Because of the retirement of veteran All-Pro Drew Pearson and an unexpected lack of depth at wide receiver, the newcomer from Houston was handed a big role. It was what he'd been seeking since his rookie season.

"It's difficult to measure the worth of a player like Mike," says Schramm. "You have to consider much more than his production on Sunday. He's done more than we expected on the field, and he has been a tremendous asset to the personality of the Cowboys. We made a great deal when we got him."

Adds quarterback Danny White, "Mike was

the missing puzzle-piece we were looking for after Drew retired. He's been perfect in the role he's been asked to play. People can call him a possession-type receiver if they like, but I look at him as a big-play man."

White describes Renfro as "a quarterback's receiver. You know that in any situation Mike is going to be where he's supposed to be. When we need some sort of counter route, he's the man we call on. He's got great moves and always seems to know what the quarterback is thinking. He's always alert. Several touchdowns he's made have come when he really didn't expect the ball. But he runs every route as if he were the primary receiver."

By Renfro's own estimate, he is the No. 1 receiver in pass routes about four or five times a game, about the same degree of attention he earned at Houston. "But I'm catching more with the Cowboys because the offense is better balanced.

"I have no illusions about my role. I'm just a small part of our offense. But it feels good when I'm able to make that crucial catch. So I prepare myself to come through whenever they call my number."

Renfro has learned to live with chronicles of his shortcomings. "I'd be lying if I said that all of the negative publicity didn't bother me," he says. "But, in a way, it's a compliment when

people say that I do the most with limited ability.

"I have to give my all to make the plays I like to make. Sure, there are better athletes at my position. That just makes me work harder.

"For 75 or 100 yards, I'm not going to keep up with too many people. But the average pass route is only 16 or 17 yards. In that distance, quickness and quick moves are just as important as speed. And I feel I have just as many moves as other receivers.

"Part of my game is lulling a defensive back. I try to build up his confidence, bore him a little, then sneak up on him with a route I can get open with. The media constantly reminds everyone how slow I am. I think that gives me an edge.

"Still, it would be nice to be faster. If I had the speed, I'd be tough to stop."

Renfro has one more story to add to the collection: "My dad was a college sprinter; he ran the 100-yard dash in 9.5. I never considered racing him, even after he got older. What most people don't know, though, is that my mother anchored her sprint relay team in high school. Shoot, I couldn't even outrun her."

Renfro leaves the footprints to those with something to prove. "Since coming to Dallas," he says, "I've got a new spark. I'll play as long as I'm healthy and perform at a level that is satisfactory to Coach Landry—and to me."

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If it does, the Bills will have to get there on the arm of a quarterback with little experience, Bruce Mathison, a free agent at the start of last season. He wound up starting the last seven games, taking over for Vince Ferragamo in Week 9. Mathison passed for 1,635 yards and four touchdowns, completing only 49.6 percent and throwing 14 interceptions. But the coaching staff was pleased in general with his play, particularly his scrambling ability. He was the team's third-leading rusher with 231 yards.

Mathison had thrown just five passes in the NFL in two seasons as a backup at San Diego. The Chargers made him a 10th-round draft choice in 1983 after he finished at Nebraska.

Ferragamo, who had been acquired in a trade with the Los Angeles Rams, was waived last December.

The Bills have fine running backs in Greg Bell and Joe Cribbs. While Bell failed in his ambition to gain 1000 yards, he was the team leader in rushing with 883 yards and receiving with 576. His rushing/receiving total of 1,459 yards was seventh in the AFC and 14th in the league.

Bell missed three quarters of the Cleveland game with an injury and had only one carry, which may have been the reason he fell 117 yards short of his goal to become only the ninth running back in NFL history to gain 1000 yards

rushing in each of his first two pro seasons.

For the second straight year, Bell had the longest run from scrimmage in the AFC. He took a handoff from Mathison against the Steelers and dashed 77 yards for a touchdown. In 1984 his long-distance touchdown gallop covered 85 yards against the Cowboys.

Cribbs, who rejoined the team in October after two seasons in the USFL, pushed his Buffalo career total to 4,445 yards by gaining 399 yards on 122 carries in the 10 games he played.

The receiving corps was bolstered by the return of Jerry Butler, who came off the injured reserve list and averaged 18.8 yards per catch. The veteran whose career was thought to be finished because of a knee injury that sidelined him for a year and a half had a team-leading 770 yards.

Fourth-round pick Andre Reed of Kutztown (Pa.) State averaged 13.3 yards on 48 receptions to overshadow second-round selections Eric Richardson and Chris Burkett, neither of whom lived up to their college reputations. The only rookie receivers in the league who had more catches than Reed were Cincinnati's Eddie Brown and San Francisco's Jerry Rice with 53 and 49.

The offensive line had injury problems but cut back on sacks allowed from 60 in 1984 to 42.

The defensive line must become more aggressive, particularly against the rush. Buffalo ranked 26th in that area. The pass defense was 11th. Linebacking was good, particularly the play of Jim Haslett and Eugene Marve. Former Bengal Guy Frazier finished the season as a starter.

In the secondary, veteran cornerback Charles Rome had the best season of his nine-year career with seven interceptions. He has made 124 consecutive starts since coming to the Bills in 1977 as a 12th-round pick from North Carolina Central.

Safety Steve Freeman, who already holds the club record for most successive games with 147, will be shooting for former Buffalo quarterback Joe Ferguson's team mark for most games played (168) and needs only four to break it.

Kicker Scott Norwood didn't have that many opportunities to perform but made good on 13 of 17 field-goal opportunities. John Kidd had a respectable 41.5-yard average and set an NFL record for punts downed inside the 20-yard line with 33.

The Bills seem to have reason for optimism. "We have the foundation for a good team," Bullough maintains. "It'll take a lot of hard work, but we've got some quality people here and I think we can do the job."

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Rival AFC West coaches swear they'd rather play their road games in a yak corral outside Kathmandu. But they aren't allowed that choice. Once each season they must climb to Denver's mile-high heights to pay homage to the wild-eyed white stallion that rears eternally above the home stadium of the Broncos.

Mile High Stadium will be sold out for the 118th consecutive regular-season game when the Broncos launch the home portion of their 1986 season. And legend has it that every fan in the joint is capable of throwing a snowball with the accuracy and velocity that John Elway employs in launching mile-high footballs.

If you are a placekicker visiting from, say, San Francisco, the thought can make your blood run cold. Matter of fact, it makes Louis Wright's blood run cold, despite the fact he plays for the Broncos and frequently materializes out of a blizzard with a purloined football. If Wright sometimes seems to be holding it like a fur muff, well, no wonder. Louis isn't running for daylight, because he is liable to find very little of it in the storm clouds of December. His 23 NFL pass interceptions represent his personal survival technique. The secret is out. He runs to keep warm.

"I liked the two-a-day practices in high school back in the San Joaquin Valley, when the temperature 'was sometimes 105 in the heat of the day.'"

"One of the biggest shocks of my life came after I was drafted by the Broncos, and I arrived in Denver for the first time," Wright says. "I'd never been in snow before."

Now, ready to embark upon his 12th NFL season, Denver's superb cornerback says, "I have adjusted to cold weather but I really haven't gotten used to it. I don't get around too well in snow. I definitely don't enjoy it."

Well, no, but neither do San Francisco placekickers.

"I love hot weather," Wright sighs. "I liked the two-a-day practices in high school back in the San Joaquin Valley, when the temperature was sometimes 105 in the heat of the day. Wow, that's kind of a paradise. I think I perform best in hot weather."

When it is required, however, Wright can provide his own heat. Last season, just one week after the celebrated Monday Night snowball fight with the 49ers, Wright broke up an overtime game with San Diego by racing 60 yards for a touchdown. The play had been designed to win the football game for the Chargers, but their field-goal try was blocked by Dennis Smith and Wright immediately turned up the thermostat.

That represented one of the high points of Denver's 11-5 campaign. Four losses were by four points or less.

"But the whole season was like a roller-coaster ride, up and down, up and down," Coach Dan Reeves recalls with a pained expression. "All phases of our game, all through that season, were inconsistent. I don't think we played a game where we put it together all four quarters."

The one thing the Broncos have been denied, under Reeves, is playoff success. They have yet to notch as much as a wild-card victory in the postseason championship round. They clearly feel they are capable of this next logical step with the talent returning this year.

The scenario they now cherish has them opening the season in the same fashion that they closed out the 1985 season, when they overcame a 17-0 Seattle lead to beat the Seahawks 27-24. Elway completed 24 of 42 passes for 432 yards with no interceptions, and Reeves ended the year as the winningest coach in Denver history, with a 45-28 career record.

He gives lavish credit to his quarterback.

"John is going to have a lot of games like the one in Seattle," Reeves predicts. "The exciting thing about his development is that he has just scratched the surface on how good he can become. Every ballgame, every play he learns something and gets better."

"He has more talent than any quarterback I've seen in a long time. He's got the

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While John Elway (above) was approaching NFL passing records, 1985 second-round draft choice Vance Johnson was setting team marks for a Bronco rookie receiver.



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size, intelligence, mobility, and his arm is as strong as anybody's in the NFL. And he's getting better as far as reading defenses and going to the right place."

Last year Elway led the NFL with 4,144 yards of total offense. He threw more passes than any other quarterback in the league (605) and ran for more yards (253). He was second in the league in completions (327) and passing yards (3,891). He is 25-9 in his last 34 starts and 27-14 as starting Broncos quarterback.

Eight Denver receivers had more than 200 yards, topped by Steve Watson's 61 catches for 915 yards. Vance Johnson's 51 receptions for 721 yards set team records for a Denver rookie. The second-round draft pick from Arizona also returned kickoffs for 740 yards, fifth best in the AFC.

All four of the players who represented Denver in the Pro Bowl last January came from the defensive side.

Tight ends Clarence Kay and Jim Wright combined for 57 receptions and 585 yards. And Sammy Winder rushed for 714 yards, almost 400 more than the next-most-prolific Bronco running back in a pass-oriented offense. It begins with center Billy Bryan, who is scheduled to start his 63rd consecutive game when Denver kicks it off. The man likely to kick it off, Rich Karlis, survived an erratic beginning and some pointed criticism to finish 1985 with a career-high 110 points.

And yet all four of the players who represented Denver in the Pro Bowl last January came from the defensive side of the scrimmage line.

The one attracting the most attention and concern of rival coaches and scouts preparing to face the Broncos this year is 6-3, 250-pound linebacker Karl Mecklenburg, the former defensive end Denver acquired in the 12th round of the 1983 draft.

"He plays like a man possessed," marvels Denver assistant Myrel Moore, who previously coached such All-Pro linebackers as Randy Gradishar, Bob Swenson and Tom Jackson. Moore swore that he used Mecklenburg everywhere except in the defensive backfield against Pittsburgh last year when Karl was credited with four sacks, two forced fumbles, six tackles and a batted pass. His presence has enhanced the play of defensive end Rulon Jones, who joined him in the AFC's Pro Bowl lineup.

"There were many times when I had one-on-one blocking schemes, and that hadn't happened the last couple of years," Jones says. "Meck and I complement each other. Plus

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INDEPENDENTS AND OTHER CONFERENCES

Akron Akron, Ohio (8-3-0) S. 6 Salem * S. 13 Kent State Forest * S. 20 Eastern Mich. * S. 27 Central Florida * S. 11 Middle Tenn. * S. 18 Murray St. * S. 25 Morehead St. * S. 1 N. Tenn. Tech. * S. 8 Austin Peay * S. 15 Eastern Ky. * S. 22 Youngstown St. *	Appalachian St. Boone, N.C. (8-3-0) S. 30 Western Caro. * S. 13 Eastern Mich. * S. 13 Eastern Mich. * S. 27 Central Florida * S. 4 Davidson * S. 25 Eastern Mich. * S. 18 James Madison * S. 25 Furman * S. 8 Austin Peay * S. 15 Eastern Ky. * S. 22 Youngstown St. *	Arkansas State State University, Ark. (8-3-0) S. 30 Southern Ill. * S. 13 Western Mich. * S. 13 Memphis St. * S. 20 Mississippi * S. 27 East Texas St. * S. 18 Middle Tenn. * S. 18 Louisiana Tech. * S. 25 McMurry St. * S. 1 Northern Ky. * S. 8 Northern Ky. * S. 15 Tenn. Tech. * S. 22 Murray St. *	Austin Peay Clarksville, Tenn. (5-6-0) S. 6 Southern Ill. * S. 13 Western Mich. * S. 20 Kentucky St. * S. 20 Middle Tenn. * S. 11 Morehead St. * S. 18 Middle Tenn. * S. 18 Tennessee St. * S. 1 Eastern Ky. * S. 8 Northern Ky. * S. 15 Tenn. Tech. * S. 22 Murray St. *	Ball State Muncie, Ind. (4-7-0) S. 30 Northern Ill. * S. 13 Western Mich. * S. 13 Purdue * S. 27 Idaho St. * S. 4 Montana St. * S. 11 Montana St. * S. 18 Ohio * S. 20 Oregon St. * S. 1 Northern Ariz. * S. 8 Northern Ky. * S. 15 NW Louisiana * S. 22 Idaho *	Boise State Boise, Idaho (7-4-0) S. 6 Eastern Wash. * S. 13 Kentucky St. * S. 27 Idaho St. * S. 4 Montana St. * S. 11 Montana St. * S. 18 Ohio * S. 20 Oregon St. * S. 1 Northern Ariz. * S. 8 Northern Ky. * S. 15 NW Louisiana * S. 22 Idaho *	Boston Boston, Mass. (3-8-0) S. 6 Delaware St. * S. 13 Kentucky St. * S. 20 New Hampshire * S. 27 Maine * S. 4 Richmond * S. 18 Rhode Island * S. 25 Massachusetts * S. 1 Connecticut * S. 8 Northern Ky. * S. 15 Colgate * S. 22 Delaware *	Bowling Green St. Bowling Green, Ohio (11-0-0) S. 6 Ohio * S. 13 Kentucky St. * S. 20 Central Mich. * S. 27 Miami, O. * S. 4 Western Mich. * S. 25 Michigan St. * S. 18 Washington * S. 25 Kent State * S. 8 Northern Ill. * S. 8 Ball State * S. 22 Delaware *	Brown Providence, R.I. (5-4-1) S. 20 Yale * S. 27 Rhode Island * S. 4 Princeton * S. 11 Pennsylvania * S. 18 Cornell * S. 25 Hiram * S. 1 Harvard * S. 8 Colgate * S. 15 Delaware * S. 22 Columbia *	Bucknell Lewisburg, Pa. (3-7-0) S. 13 Indiana, Pa. * S. 20 William & Mary * S. 27 Pennsylvania * S. 4 Towson St. * S. 11 Davidson * S. 18 Hiram * S. 25 Lafayette * S. 1 Cornell * S. 8 Holy Cross * S. 15 Lehigh *	
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Certainly he was not destined to become a Hell's Angel. Or an L.A. Raider, either.

Nor does the Easy Rider image fit very well. He might have excelled in motocross, steering post patterns over the hillocks, through the ruts, then spiking the football just across the finish line.

What's that? You say they don't use footballs in motocross?

Then Steve Largent's mother was obviously correct. Her son doesn't belong on a motorcycle.

Seattle Seahawk fans think that Largent belongs in the Professional Football Hall of Fame and, in fact, he seems to be heading in that direction about as fast as a wide receiver can proceed without wheels. Lance Alworth and Largent (1,287 yards in 1985) are now the only receivers in the history of the NFL who have gained 1000 yards or more on pass receptions for seven seasons. Eight years ago, Alworth was enshrined at Canton, Ohio, amid rumors that Evel Knievel planned to jump his motorcycle over Bronko Nagurski's hip pads during the August ceremonies.

Speaking of near misses, Largent's mother still breathes a sigh of relief.

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"When he started high school (in Oklahoma City), Steve had almost decided not to play football," she frequently points out. "He wanted to run around with one of his friends who had a motorcycle. I thought, 'Oh, no!'" Of course. That's the secret password for mothers of high school students.

"Finally, I said, 'Steve, please just go out and try to make the team. Then if you don't like it or don't make it, it will be all right.' And each day he'd come home and say, 'Well, I didn't get cut.'"

It always seemed sort of a surprise to the baby-faced blond.

A lot of touchdowns were scored before Steve Largent was finally cut from the team. And that team happened to be the Houston Oilers, who had drafted the wide receiver from the University of Tulsa in the fourth round in 1976.

"I can still remember the feeling," Largent reminisces. "After being cut, I had kind of an unbelievable peace about it. There was a certain amount of dejection, but I felt that I'd played football for a lot of years, and maybe now was the time to start something new. I had my education, so I was ready to pick up the pieces and start in another direction."

If Largent was mentally warming up his Harley, it never got out of the parking lot.

Because Jerry Rhome, who had helped coach Largent at Tulsa and saw him lead the nation two years running in touchdown catches, was then on the Seattle staff and convinced the Seahawks they should give Houston an eighth-round draft pick for the right to sign the rookie receiver.

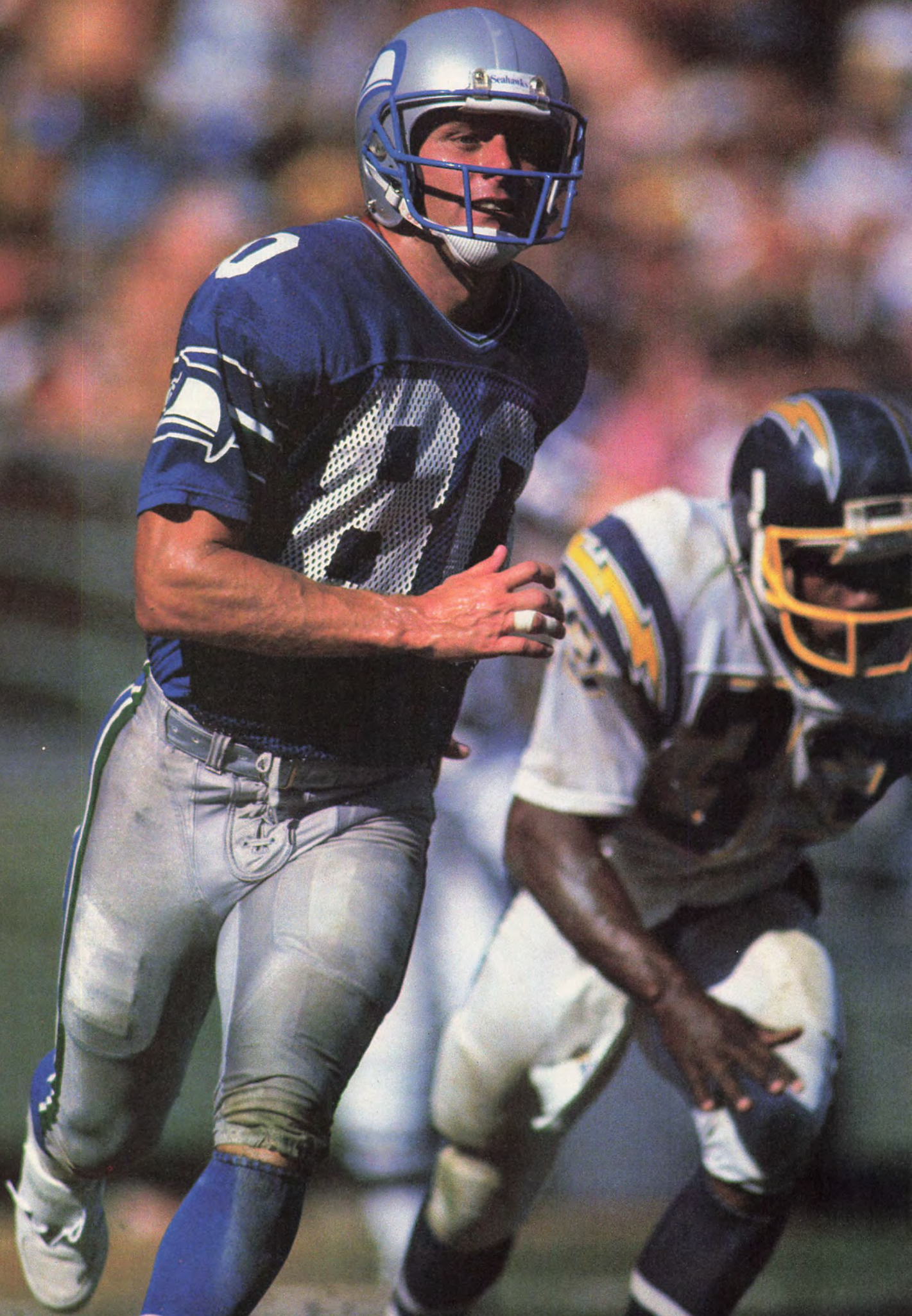
Now entering his 11th season, Largent has swapped that moment of "unbelievable peace" for legendary status in Seattle sports. He was named the top receiver in pro football last year. He was elected Seattle's Star of the Year in Sports, a distinction he shares with Hall of Famer Hugh McElhenny. And in '85 he led the NFL in receiving yards. He ranks fifth on the all-time NFL list in catches and yardage, (624 for 10,059 yards) and in his first game this fall, he'll be attempting to extend his consecutive-game receiving streak to 124.

Obviously, at the age of 31 he is at the top of his game.

Well, it's obvious to everybody except Steve Largent.

"My best year was 1984," he insists, "because we were 12-4 then. When I sit down and evaluate how I played last year, I don't really use the statistics as a measuring stick. You have to look at overall performance, how you played day to day, how you practiced, consistency patterns, how you fit into the team scheme, how you helped the offense move the football. The game is not individual performances. It's how we do as a football team."

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Seattle's Fredd Young (50) gets Marcus Allen's vote as top AFC specialist.

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As a football team, Seattle's big blue machine pulled into the pit area, coughing and wheezing with an 8-8 record. The two previous seasons under Chuck Knox they'd been doing wheelies. It marked only the fourth time in 13 seasons that Knox had failed to qualify his team for the playoffs.

"I was very disappointed that we could not live up to our own expectations and to those of our fans," Knox admits. "But I don't think a major overhaul is necessary. When we ended the season, we had 22 players who were not here three years ago. That's almost 50 percent of your team. Usually, when you have that kind of a turnover, it means you haven't been winning." Knox, by contrast, is 29-19 in three years with Seattle.

But it was a curious season for Knox, quarterback Dave Krieg, running back Curt Warner and wide receiver Daryl Turner.

A Pro Bowler just a year earlier, Krieg, sixth-ranking AFC passer, was frequently booed by Seattle fans.

"There were times when we did not give David good pass protection," Knox responds in defense of his quarterback. "There were games when a lot of his passes were dropped. And there were games when he just didn't throw as well as he would have liked.

"I think this: If you have all the other ingredients, you can go to the Super Bowl with David Krieg as your quarterback. But you must have those other ingredients."

Warner's comeback from serious knee surgery was remarkable. The fourth-year workhorse from Penn State ranked fifth among AFC backs in rushing yardage with 1,094. Yet Warner endured several frustrating afternoons. He gained only 32 yards against the Rams, just 48 in 19 carries against San Francisco.

"The blocking wasn't there at times," Knox acknowledges. "I also think Curt got mentally and physically fatigued. Many wrote that he couldn't come back from that injury. That uncertainty on top of all the effort he expended on rehabilitation added a tremendous amount of pressure. Last year, because of the rehab, he didn't really get any kind of a rest. He'll be better this year after some time off. Curt can still run the football."

Turner topped the NFL with 13 touchdown catches. Yet after the last game of the season, he issued a public apology for dropped passes in critical situations and what he termed a general lack of concentration.

Some factors in Seahawk football remained consistent, however. Although he missed some games due to an injury suffered while running back a kick, safety Ken Easley was once again named to the Pro Bowl team (fourth straight time) along with Largent and Fredd Young, whose tackling on special teams has been described as awesome even in a sport marked by violent contact. Other special-team standouts included inside linebacker

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Sam Merriman, who blocked two punts, and Jeff Bryant.

A starter at linebacker in his second pro season, Young also led the team with 118 tackles, 10 more than linebacker Keith Butler.

Safety John Harris had seven pass interceptions and extended his streak of consecutive games to 94. Despite his absence of theatrics, defensive end Jacob Green had the same number of sacks (13) as the New York Jets' Mark Gastineau and an assist besides. Bryant, the other end, tied a team record with four fumble recoveries.

Although Charle Young has retired, the Seahawks should be bolstered at tight end by the addition of Gordon Hudson (from the USFL) and Dan Ross, who joined the team midway through the '85 season.

"I guess when I'm done playing, I'd like to be known as somebody who worked hard."

Knox is guessing that Danny Greene, who spent most of last year on injured reserve, will add another deep threat to the Seahawk passing game. Paul Skansi, like Greene a former Washington standout, was recalled by Seattle early last season after he had earlier been cut. One of Largent's most ardent admirers and avid students, Skansi had 21 catches and assumed a larger role in the offense with every game.

Maybe Skansi won't rise to the stature of a Largent. But then again, Largent never envisioned that he would achieve this degree of eminence.

"I've never considered myself a great athlete," he says. "I can't overwhelm people with athletic ability, particularly on this level. But I play pretty smart football. I prepare well the week before a game. And I'm a very competitive person. Because I haven't been blessed with an overabundance of athletic ability, hustle really has become second nature to me.

"I guess when I'm done playing, I'd like to be known as somebody who worked hard. Everything that has transpired in my career has been kind of a dream."

And the dream has become a nightmare for defensive backs, even those with the talent and reputation of the Raiders' Lester Hayes, who commented:

"Steve Largent is one of the few receivers Lester Hayes hasn't shut out. As far as Lester Hayes is concerned, you can't shut him out. The man has 10,000 moves."

But Largent remains frustrated that those moves didn't take him and his teammates closer to the Super Bowl. He isn't even placated by the realization that he seems to have been detoured toward the Hall of Fame.

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Curt Warner's knee held up after surgery when some thought he couldn't come back.



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Monk continues to be a lethal deep threat after a team-high 91 catches for 1,226 yards. With Monk and Gary Clark (72 catches for 926 yards), Washington may have the best one-two wide-out punch in the game. In his first full year as a starter, tight end Clint Didier made 41 receptions, most by a Redskin tight end in 11 years. Lending depth to the crew will be wide receivers Mark McGrath and Joe Phillips, and tight end Anthony Jones.

Besides Schroeder, the most welcome surprise in '85 was the performance of the offensive line. Even with three-time Pro Bowl pick R.C. Thielemann out for the season and fellow Pro Bowlers Joe Jacoby and Jeff Bostic sidelined a great deal of the time with injuries, Washington averaged 157.7 rushing yards per game behind the blocking of guards Russ Grimm and Ken Huff, tackle Mark May and tight end Don Warren.

Says May: "The injuries would have devastated some teams. But we made up our minds to get the job done and wound up with the same record as three NFC teams that made the playoffs (Dallas, New York Giants and San Francisco). The fact that we hung together and improved should send a message to a lot of people."

With everyone returning in healthy condition, the experience and depth of the line should



George Rogers makes the running game forceful.

improve the Washington offense considerably.

All that offensive firepower might not even be necessary if the defense continues on the course it set a year ago. Traditionally a strong part of Washington's attack, it ranked third in the NFL last year in total defense, allowing just 21.6 yards per game more than Chicago. The secondary, operating much of the year with two superlative rookies on the field, ranked with the best in the league.

Raphel Cherry was outstanding in his first season as a strong safety (69 tackles in six starts). Fellow rookie Barry Wilburn filled in admirably at cornerback as the backup to Vernon Dean and speedster Darrell Green, a Pro Bowl alternate. Free safety Curtis Jordan led the team in tackles with 178 and tied Dean for most interceptions with five.

When Dean went out with a bad knee and Green with a fractured hand, Wilburn gained playing time and proved he is a challenger to the established players. Strong safety Tony Peters, second-year cornerback Kevin Williams and free safety Greg Williams add depth.

The talent doesn't stop there. The solid linebacking trio of Neal Olkewicz, Rich Milot and Mel Kaufman combined for 428 tackles, with 174, 145 and 109 respectively. Kaufman and Milot combined for five interceptions. With the return of veteran pass rusher Monte Coleman, who was injured much of last season, the linebacking corps will be even stronger.

The front remains intimidating with ends Dexter Manley and Charles Mann returning after excellent seasons. The veteran Manley won the hotly contested sack race, edging Mann 15 to 14½. Manley's total tied a six-year-old record held by Coy Bacon. Tackles again will be veteran David Butz and Dean Hamel, another rookie starter. Tom Beasley lends depth at tackle. Rookie Steve Hamilton will work behind Mann and Manley.

Had it not been for a dislocated shoulder suffered in early December, return specialist Kenny Jenkins, signed as a free agent following his release from Detroit, might have established club records. He returned 41 kick-offs for 1,018 yards (24.8-yard average), including a 95-yarder against Pittsburgh. He added 272 yards on 26 punt returns, gaining 15 yards or more on seven attempts.

After surviving a serious challenge last year, veteran kicker Mark Moseley remains. He again led the Redskins in scoring with 97 points on 22 field goals (in 34 tries) and 31 of 33 extra-point attempts. Moseley, who is 36, will enter training camp with the job, but the search will continue for a replacement.

Punting is solid with Steve Cox, who averaged 41.8 yards.

There is a mixture of youth and maturity on the Washington team that coaches strive for. It bodes well for 1986 and years to come. Having historically gambled on veterans, the Redskins are now looking to youth to lend a hand.

"Last season was a blast," says Schroeder. "The way the others accepted me and helped me along made it really enjoyable. They showed confidence in me at a time when they could have given up. We had a lot of very good football players unable to play because of injuries, but that didn't stop us. Those of us who came in as replacements got a big boost of confidence from the attitude we saw. It was a great feeling."

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In the first six games, James averaged only 11 carries and 49 yards a game. Over the next six, he averaged 18 carries and 93 yards. When Eason returned after Grogan was injured, he knew a good thing when he saw it. James averaged 22 carries a game down the stretch.

"A back like Craig means so much to a quarterback," Eason says. "He's someone the defense has to give special attention to. As the game goes on, he gets better. When I use play-action passes, having him as the man I fake to holds up the defense; they have to be aware of him all the time."

Says Berry: "This was a turning-point season for Craig. It was his first chance to participate in all facets of a pro offense: pass receiving, running and blocking. His performance reflects his talent. Craig's got it all ahead of him. There's nothing he can't do."

James is equally effusive about his coach. "There is no doubt in my mind we can win the world championship this year," he says. "All we need is desire, and with Raymond Berry around, I don't think we'll lack that. He's a great coach, a great leader and the greatest thing to happen to us. Some teams come off a Super Bowl year fat and happy. We won't be. Not with Raymond around. He won't be satisfied with laziness. He wants to win too badly."

The Super Bowl defeat won't linger with the Patriots, James says, "because we know we're a better team than that. We got behind early, and we're not the kind of team that plays good catch-up football. We're a running, power team. Once things started going badly, we couldn't do much about it."

James also insists that there will be no scars from the drug scandal that hit the Patriots the day after the Super Bowl game when it was revealed that some of the players had used cocaine during the season.

"Look, this is not a drug-crazed football team," he says, "and I don't believe the Patriots have any more of a problem than any other team in the league. I'd compare our statistics on drug users to any company in the country: IBM, Exxon, anybody. Drugs are part of society; we've got to face that. Yes, we had a few people who messed around, but I guarantee you this team does not have a serious problem."

It is evident that the Patriots have one of the most physically talented football teams in the league and should continue to challenge for AFC East supremacy.

Though Eason was benched in the Super Bowl, he is one of the NFL's up-and-coming young quarterbacks. He completed 56.2 percent of his passes a year ago. However, he must improve his touchdown/interception ratio to be considered among the elite of the league. He threw for 11 touchdowns but had 17 interceptions.

If Eason falters, Grogan will still be around to bail him and the Patriots out. His leg and

knee injuries have mended, and Berry will not hesitate to call on him.

James and Collins provide an excellent two-man tandem in the backfield. While James was doing most of the running, Collins caught 52 passes out of the backfield to lead the team in receptions.

"There's no question that we've got the people who can get the job done," James says.

The receivers also are major weapons. Stanley Morgan and Irving Fryar give the team its best-ever deep-threat combination. Fryar led the NFL in punt returns with 520 yards for a 14.1 average. Stephen Starring demonstrated he is an adequate third receiver and gained over 1000 yards returning kickoffs. The tight ends, Lin Dawson and Derrick Ramsey, combined for 45 catches but were more valuable as blockers.

The offensive line was built for power-blocking. The best of the unit is tackle Brian Holoway, a Pro Bowl selection. Perennial All-Pro guard John Hannah played with a number of injuries. He was to have knee surgery and

may retire if unable to play at full speed. The unit will be much improved if Pete Brock can return at center after missing the season with injuries.

Defensively, New England got outstanding play from former first-round choice Ken Sims, who missed the Super Bowl with a broken leg. The Patriots will have a difficult time replacing retiring end Julius Adams, and the nose tackles may not be all that impressive. Still, second-rounder Garin Veris, the designated pass rusher, got 10 sacks in his rookie season and should continue to improve.

The linebackers were an integral part of the team's success, particularly All-Pro Andre Tippett, who led the AFC with 16½ sacks. Steve Nelson in his 12th season was a force against the run. If Clayton Weishuhn is healthy, this unit will dominate again.

In the secondary, cornerback Ray Clayborn had the best season of his nine-year career and joined Tippett and Nelson in the Pro Bowl. Free safety Fred Marion had a fine year, too.

Kicker Tony Franklin hit 24 of 30 field-goal attempts, and punter Rich Camarillo averaged 43 yards a kick, ranking him third in the AFC.

"There's no question that we've got the people who can get the job done," James says. "Last year we stopped talking and started producing. That won't change."

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Between them, Karl Mecklenburg (77, above) and Rulon Jones (tackling the Rams' Dieter Brock) had figures that grab you: a combined 23 sacks and losses totaling 187 yards.



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Barney Chavous and Andre Townsend (pass-rushing specialists) played great." Mecklenburg had 13 sacks last year and Jones had 10.

Denver was seventh in the AFC in total defense, and again this season the defensive backfield should ensure exceptional balance.

Cornerback Mike Harden led the team in tackles. Free safety Steve Foley begins the season with 42 career interceptions. He needs only one more to tie the team record.

Strong safety Smith and Wright are returning from Pro Bowl seasons.

Wright played for three college teams, finishing at San Jose State, before landing in the 1975 Senior Bowl, where he was spotted by members of the Denver staff, who coached one of the all-star squads.

"You perceive yourself one way, but it's not necessarily how everyone else sees you."

That year NFL teams had the choice of such defensive backs as Neal Colzie, Monte Jackson and Dave Brown. The Broncos picked Wright in the first round. He waded bravely into the Denver winter and started nine games as a rookie.

He has been a major figure in the defensive backfield since then with five Pro Bowl seasons to his credit. But his greatest contribution may have come a couple of summers ago when he turned the heat up on his head coach.

As team spokesman, Wright unloaded pent-up player complaints on Reeves. Much of the Broncos' recent success and current optimism came about after their talk.

"I was scared," Wright admitted later. "I pictured him getting mad and yelling and all that. I almost chickened out. I was nervous, and I went over in my head a million times what I was going to say."

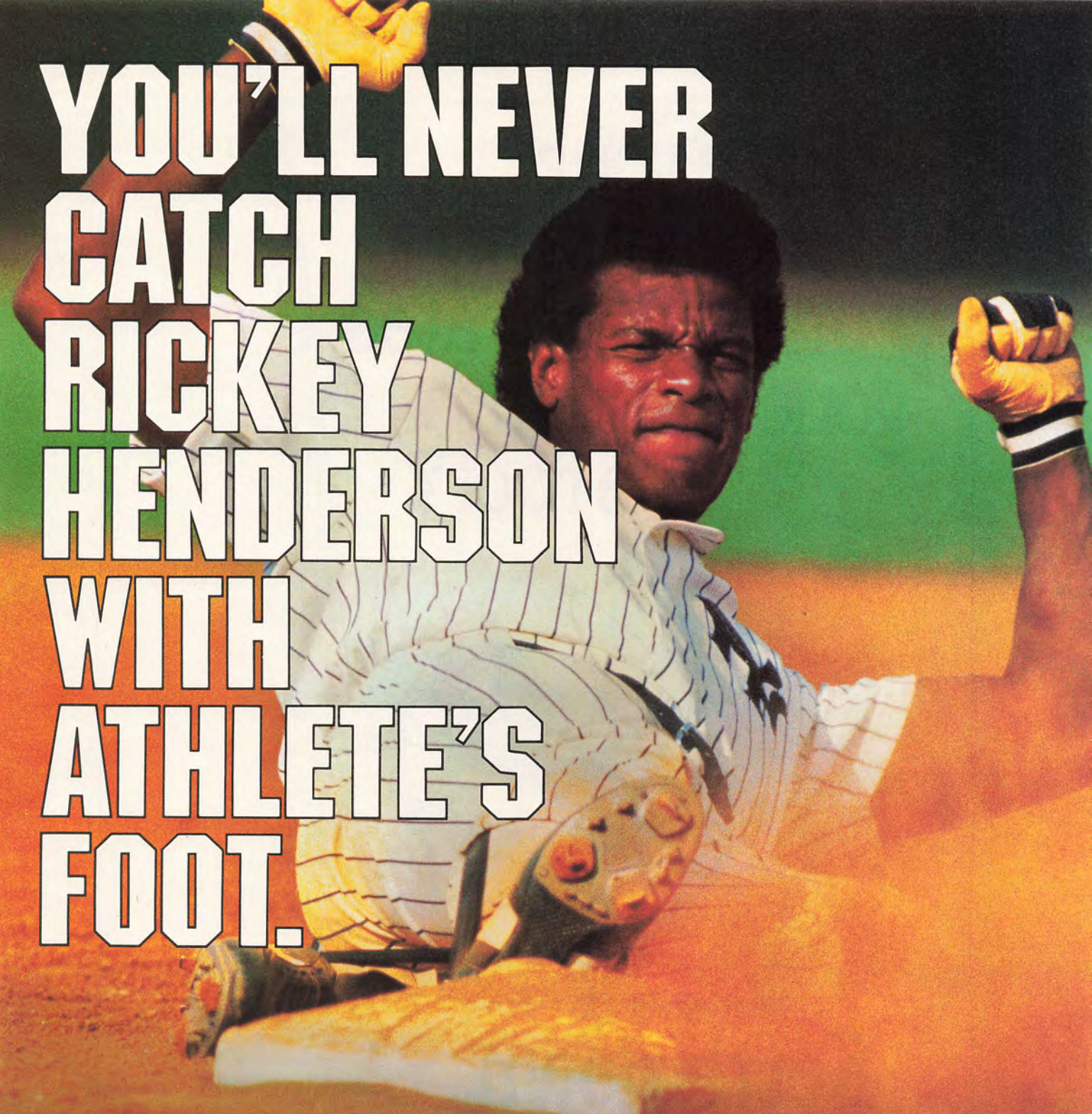
"That meeting is probably the single most important thing that happened to this team," Reeves has since acknowledged. "It certainly got my attention. You perceive yourself one way, but it's not necessarily how everyone else sees you. I felt that I had great rapport with the players, but after talking with Louis, I realized I didn't. Communication was missing and what he said made a lot of sense."

Reeves now wears a coat and tie on the sideline, because he says the semi-formal outfit reminds him to control his temper. If Reeves misplaces his composure, he also loses a \$100 standing bet with Elway, who reciprocates if he snaps back at his coach.

"He gets two-to-one odds, because it's harder for him," Elway smiles.

A lot of people may be smiling in Denver this season. Except possibly Louis Wright, if the temperature dips below 105.

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Boomer Esiason has a master's touch, ranking second highest in pass-efficiency ratings in 1985.

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loose two young linebackers from the 1985 draft, first-rounder Emanuel King and second-rounder Carl Zander.

Coverage teams also could stand improvement. Kickoff coverage (21.4 yards per return) was about average. Punt coverage (13.2) was 26th in the league. Returner Mike Martin has developed into one of the best, averaging 23 yards on kickoffs and 8.4 on punts. Two years ago, he averaged 20.3 on kickoffs and a league-high 15.7 yards on punts.

In an era of high scoring, the Bengals could quickly move up with their talented offensive unit and an improved defense. If the defense had held opponents to an average of 24 points each week, the club would have had a 9-5-2

record and won the division championship.

Boomer Esiason, the Bengals' young left-handed quarterback, had an excellent 27-12 touchdown-to-interception ratio and an overall rating of 93.2, second highest in the league (Ken O'Brien of the Jets was the leader) and better than Joe Montana, Jim McMahon, Dan Fouts and Dan Marino.

Says Brown of Esiason: "He's a hard thrower. We always think along the same lines. I made Rookie of the Year, but without his help I couldn't have done it."

Cincinnati will need a lot of key plays from Brown, Collinsworth and Esiason, as well as from a reshaped defense. The team must also avoid the drab starts that have plagued the

Bengals (1-6 in 1983 and 1984, then 2-5) in recent years.

"I felt last year that the coaches had confidence in me as the season went along," Brown says. "We can call any play and I'm up to making it work. I guess every ballplayer is entitled to a mistake now and then. But I'm into making big plays, not mistakes."

"My job is to make big plays, and I play well enough to do that. Of course, I like hearing what's being said about me. But I don't think of it as pressure. I'm just doing my job."

Esiason throwing . . . Collinsworth, Brown, Holman and Brooks catching . . . it should be fun again for the Bengals, assuming that the defense comes alive.

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By pro basketball standards he is not yet a superstar. When he is measured against other celebrated rookies, he is at the wrong end of the yardstick. The only way Spud Webb could lock eyeballs with the Washington Bullets' 7-foot 7-inch Manute Bol is by hanging from a chandelier.

Nevertheless, Webb probably is San Diego running back Lionel "Little Train" James' favorite athlete.

"He's a terrific player," says James. "The way Webb plays basketball proves that size doesn't matter, that you should measure an athlete by the size of his heart. I hate to hear anybody say that a person is too short to excel."

At 5-7, Webb is the smallest player in pro basketball. At 5-6, James has the same distinction in pro football.

"Basketball has always been my favorite sport," James confesses. "I spent all year playing it when I was younger. Sometimes I think maybe I should have made a different career decision."

"I hate to hear anybody say that a person is too short to excel." At 5-7, Webb is the smallest player in pro basketball. At 5-6, James has the same distinction in pro football.

"No," he adds after a moment's pause. "I'm enjoying what I'm doing now very much."

That sigh of relief you heard comes from San Diego Coach Don Coryell. James figures in almost every phase of the offense. And offense is the name of Coryell's game. Last season the Chargers led the NFL in offense and trailed everybody in defense.

If San Diego improves its defense as promised, it should rejoin the contenders in the AFC West. But in view of the fact that San Diego yielded 44 points to Pittsburgh and 38 to Kansas City at the end of the '85 season, Coryell would like to delay any plans James might have for a career change. And he hopes that quarterback Dan Fouts won't decide to play goalie for the Quebec Nordiques.

James established an NFL record for all-purpose yardage (2,535) in 1985 when he rushed for 516, caught passes for 1,027, returned punts for 213 and ran back kickoffs for 779. He surpassed by 73 yards the former record of 2,462 set by Terry Metcalf of St. Louis in 1975 when the Cardinals were coached by (surprise) Don Coryell.

And yet, after two seasons in the NFL, James considers himself to be an incomplete player. He hopes to improve his performance and statistics this season.

Maybe he will. It was disclosed at the end of last season, when James underwent arthroscopic knee surgery, that he had been handicapped by injury since the fourth game.

"His knee had to be drained several times, and he had swelling throughout the season," says team physician Dr. Gary Losse. "I could see he couldn't do everything he wanted to."

Still, he did quite a lot.

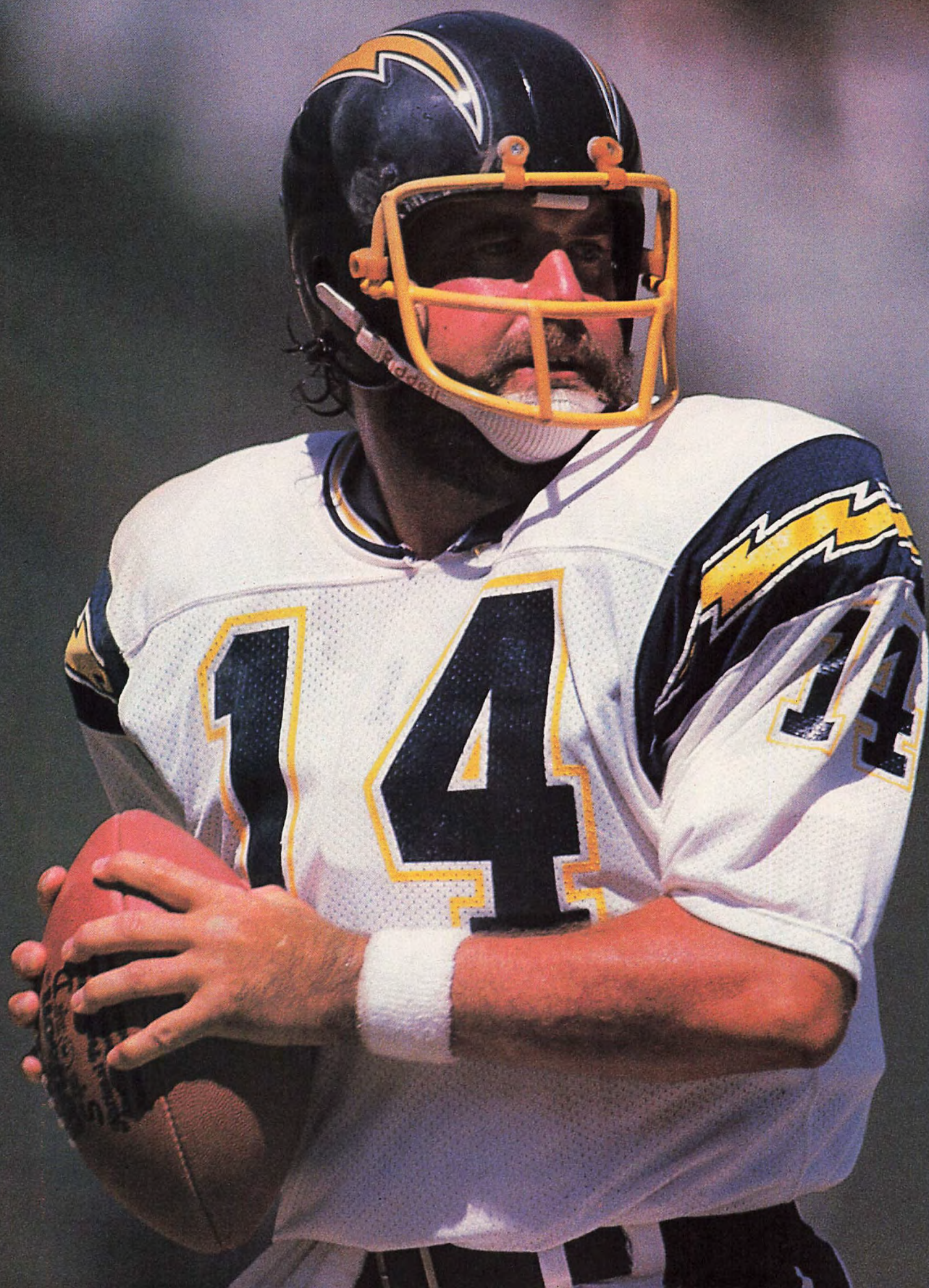
"I think I just touched the surface," James insists. "I still have much to learn about this offense. For example, I don't read defenses like Charlie Joiner (the Chargers' 17-year veteran receiver). I think I can improve considerably catching the ball from the wide-out position. That was totally new to me. Last year we were mainly concerned about trying to get mismatches, trying to get a linebacker to cover me or Gary Anderson. Now that I'm more familiar with the system, I should be more of a threat."

Assistant coach Ernie Zampese won't argue that point, but he liked what he saw last year after James was told that he was going to do more than just run back kicks.

"He ran pass routes like he'd been doing it forever," Zampese recalls. "He has the same body lean as Joiner and a way of running that looks like everything is the same speed, so the defender can't judge when he's going to break off and cut in another direction. It's a gift, something you can't coach."

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← **Readying for year 14, Dan Fouts ranks third all-time in passing yardage with 37,492.**

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When you consider that at Auburn Little Train created tunnels for Bo Jackson to run through, you get some idea of James' versatility. Pro scouts were lured to Auburn by Jackson, the 1985 Heisman Trophy winner, but left marveling at Bo's pint-sized blocker.

"That had to help me (as a pro prospect)," James says. "So did coming from a quality college program. There isn't room for a selfish player in the wishbone. We had to learn to run, block and catch passes. It was the ideal situation for developing all those skills."

James points out that the man whose record he broke was probably the first all-purpose back in the NFL. But Metcalf also reached the point where he felt he had to limit or eliminate his duty on the kick-return teams or receive special hazardous-duty pay.

"I want to be part of this team when it wins," says Coryell. "I think that will be this year."

"I don't feel I'm overworked," James says. "Right now I'm a better player because of the different things I'm doing. It keeps me in the flow of the game. The more I do, the better I am. At least that's the way I feel at this age."

"In our offense, nobody gets beat up too bad. They don't use me like an Eric Dickerson or Marcus Allen. Our backs run 10 or 12 times a game, not 30 or 40. Our offense has more versatility than most teams."

Fouts passed for 3,638 yards last year although he missed two games and parts of four others. The Chargers were 2-4 in those games, even though Mark Herrmann, Fouts' backup, threw 10 touchdown passes.

"I believe Fouts is the greatest quarterback of all time, and I think he has more years to play," Coryell says, pointing to the fact that his quarterback threw for more than 300 yards in seven of the nine games he completed.

Coryell also thinks that exchanging a 10th-round draft pick for Herrmann may prove to be the Chargers' all-time trading coup.

Joiner is the NFL's all-time leading receiver. Wes Chandler had fewer receptions (67) last year than James (86) but more yards—1,199—with 10 TD catches. The Chargers also have three outstanding tight ends: Kellen Winslow, Eric Sievers and Pete Holohan.

Last year the Chargers acquired running backs Tim Spencer and Anderson from the USFL. They finished second and third behind James in rushing. Spencer ran for 10 touchdowns.

Tackle Jim Lachey from Ohio State was the Charger rookie of the year. Ed White, playing next to him in the offensive line, was the team's lineman of the year as he extended his game total to 241.



Gary Anderson (40) jumped to the Chargers from the USFL and found an ally in Eric Sievers.

"But I need a defense," says Owner Alex Spanos. Lack of one almost cost Coryell his job (his contract was finally extended through 1987). Defensive coordinator Tom Bass was replaced by Dave Adolph, who held a similar post for Cleveland in 1984, when the Browns

were second in the league in total defense.

Linebacker Billy Ray Smith, with 99 unassisted tackles, was a standout on defense. Ends Lee Williams and Fred Robinson combined for 16 sacks.

Though the offense averaged 408.4 yards per game, they barely finished in the black; the defense yielded 391.6. That was the major reason San Diego made 49 roster moves after the Sept. 2 cutdown and signed 10 free agents. At one time or another, the Chargers had 63 players on their roster.

"I want to be part of this team when it wins," says Coryell. "I think that will be this year. I don't want to wait. But we need defense. We have to take the ball away from people."

And give it to James.

Little Train relishes the possibility. He recalls coming out the worst on only one major collision, despite his size.

"We were playing Seattle," he says. "We were in a two-minute situation, trying to get a score just before the half. I came across the middle and Ken Easley was there, reading the ball. He got a good jump on it. Actually, he got a good jump on me. The next thing I remember, I was on the ground with a numb feeling."

"But I can handle the punishment and the jokes, too. I can prove that little guys can play this game."

Little Train won't get any arguments on that score.

Lee Williams cracks down on unwary QBs.



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At a new position, nose tackle, Joe Klecko (73) could smell out what was coming quite well.

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him, there is little depth, though Tony Paige (158 yards rushing, 120 receiving) was a pleasant surprise at fullback. The Jets may be in the market for an experienced back, just as McNeil insurance.

The other major offensive weapon was another rookie, receiver Al Toon, first-round draft choice from Wisconsin. Toon, who was

involved in a lengthy holdout, was the team's second-leading receiver with 46 catches for 662 yards and three touchdowns, a team record for rookie wide receivers.

Toon took quite a bit of heat off wide receiver Wesley Walker, the veteran speedster who has constantly faced double coverage. Walker averaged 21.3 yards per catch, including one

for 96 yards and a touchdown. The Jets' most prolific receiver was tight end Mickey Shuler, who set a team record with 76 catches, seven for touchdowns.

Injuries in the offensive line contributed to the sack problems. At left tackle, Reggie McElroy and Ted Banker shared playing time most of the season. Neither was particularly effective. Five-time Pro Bowl pick Powell had an off year, and right guard Dan Alexander also struggled at times. Still, the run-blocking was effective, and pass protection should improve.

"I'd like to think we're going to make a serious jump next season," McNeil says.

Watson brought in a new defensive coordinator, former Steeler assistant Bud Carson, and the resulting switch to the 3-4 defense was a great improvement. Joe Klecko moved to nose tackle and became the first defensive player in the NFL to be selected for the Pro Bowl at three positions. Though Mark Gastineau's sack total fell from 22 to 13½, he was still an effective pass rusher and probably had his best season against the run since he came into the league. Marty Lyons managed to avoid the injury problems of previous years and had a fine season.

New York finished third in the conference and eighth in the NFL in total defense. Consistent and occasionally spectacular play by the linebackers may have been the key to their success. Lance Mehl moved to inside linebacker and led the group with 5½ sacks and three interceptions. He led the team in solo tackles with 120 and played in his first Pro Bowl. Kyle Clifton and Charles Jackson also had fine seasons. Clifton had a team-high 160 total tackles.

The Jets' secondary was plagued with injuries. Cornerbacks Russell Carter and Donnie Elder and safety Ken Schroy went on injured reserve, and three other cornerbacks also lost playing time. Schroy retired this year.

Punting was helped by the addition of Dave Jennings (40.2 yard average). Kicker Pat Leahy had an excellent season, making 26 of 34 field-goal attempts, many in clutch situations, and 43 of 45 extra points. The Jets did have problems on punt and kickoff coverages and did not have a man in the top 10 AFC punt or kickoff return categories.

There is optimism in the Jets' camp. "I'd like to think we're going to make a serious jump next season," McNeil says. "I've always felt we had the talent to do anything we wanted; it was just a matter of putting our minds and bodies together. We've come together as a team, and that's not going to change."

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Mickey Shuler's clever moves and good hands enabled him to set a team record for most catches.

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It wouldn't be accurate to say that Bill Maas has brother-in-law problems. They get together at least a couple of times each winter, have a few beers, talk about football.

Maas' brother-in-law insists he wants Bill to teach him a few things about hunting and fishing. Problem is, he thinks a thirty-ought-six is a blocking assignment for the pulling guard and that Marlin Perkins coaches at Alabama.

"I'd better teach him, though," Maas has decided. "Gotta do something to get him off the cement."

In return maybe the brother-in-law would teach Maas and his Kansas City teammates something about winning football games.

"Late last year I couldn't wait for the season to end. . . . The year before, when I was a rookie, every team, opponent and situation was different, and the weeks went by in a blur."

Bill's brother-in-law, you see, is a resident of Miami by the name of Dan Marino. By profession, he trains Dolphins. Or vice versa.

Both played high school ball in Pennsylvania. Both were recruited for the University of Pittsburgh by Jackie Sherrill. And the quarterback and the defensive tackle combined to win a few games for the Panthers.

"Yeah, Dan and I were friends before I met and married his sister," Maas points out. "In fact, the marriage might have ended our friendship."

That's a joke, Cindy. The Chiefs can't afford any more injuries entering the 1986 campaign at the opposite end of the American Football Conference from Dan Marino and the Dolphins.

Injuries certainly have been a factor in the Chiefs' inability to measure up to Marino's team. But Maas, key figure in Kansas City's defensive line, is hopeful that the Chiefs will remain healthy enough to bag a playoff berth during the '86 hunting season.

"I go into every situation with a positive outlook," he maintains. "I go into each practice, each game, each season with that attitude. I start my day that way.

"But late last year I couldn't wait for the season to end. It's the first time I ever remember feeling that way. The year before, when I was a rookie, every team, opponent and situation was different, and the weeks went by in a blur.

"By contrast, last year everybody's hopes were high. We were about ready to explode with optimism. Then the bottom sort of fell out. I don't know what the problems were. But whether it was the players, the coaches or the administration, I want the problems to end.

"I look around our team and see older guys who have been here eight or nine years. Think of that. Nine years of losing! I couldn't handle that."

It has actually been 15 years since the Chiefs were last involved in the AFC playoffs, and on that occasion they lost to Miami. It might be wise for Maas and Marino to carry unloaded shotguns on their first hunting trip together.

It appeared two years ago that prosperity in Kansas City might have arrived with Maas, the Chiefs' first-round draft pick that year. He immediately became a starter and played his first game in his own hometown, against the Steelers. As nose tackle, he was matched against Mike Webster, Pittsburgh's All-Pro center.

"You feel something inside any time you play in your hometown," Maas recalls. "And that was my introduction—against Mike Webster. Helluva way to go, wasn't it? But I came through it pretty well. The coaches were pleased. It was a big first step."

The Chiefs beat Pittsburgh and the Bengals, and the defense looked solid, because the rookie nose tackle was forcing offensive linemen to double-team him, opening things up for defensive ends Art Still and Mike Bell.

And then began a slide that accelerated through the season.

The '85 campaign was worse. K.C. started fast but then suffered seven straight losses. After the seventh loss, Bell was arrested on federal drug charges. The other

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Herman Heard heads Chief backs, who need to be heard from after a lackluster year.

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defensive end, Pro Bowler Still, had already been lost to the team with a severe knee injury.

True, the Chiefs halted their skid at the expense of Indianapolis and finished the year with two wins and a one-point loss to Denver.

"No," Maas admits, "the way we finished doesn't make me optimistic because we did the same thing in '84, and it didn't mean anything then. What happened was that some of the players seemed to see the light at the end of the tunnel and came on strong at the end. But our basic problems were still there."

Coach John Mackovic hopes some of them have been solved with some shuffling in the coaching staff and other changes designed to "open up the lines of communication."

"What happened was that some of the players seemed to see the light at the end of the tunnel and came on strong at the end."

With the loss of Bell and Still, Maas was shifted from nose tackle to left end and this year will probably see duty again at both positions.

Offensively, possible changes involve quarterbacks Bill Kenney, still considered to be the team's best passer, and Todd Blackledge, who quarterbacked the Chiefs out of their '85 slump with wins in three of the last five games.

"I think the biggest turning point for Todd was against Denver (in Week 15), because the Broncos have an aggressive, attacking defense and he was still able to make things happen," Mackovic says.

Yet in 10 starts and occasional late-season relief, Kenney had two 300-yard games. He ended the season with 143 passes without an interception (excluding a couple of desperation end-zone bombs), and his quarterback rating in the NFL was sixth.

Kansas City still has a lot of receivers who can catch the ball and deliver it downfield.

Carlos Carson led the Chiefs with 47 receptions, but Stephone Paige topped the team in yardage with 943 and led the NFL with an average of 21.9 yards per catch. Paige broke a 40-year-old NFL record when he gained 309 yards on pass receptions in the finale, a 38-34 shootout which the Chiefs won over San Diego.

Henry Marshall led the team in receptions until he suffered a shoulder separation midway in the campaign. And Walt Arnold enters this season after gaining more yards than any tight end at K.C. since 1981.

The real offensive deficiency has been at running back. Herman Heard was the Chiefs' rushing leader, but he achieved that distinction with only 595 yards, and he never gained

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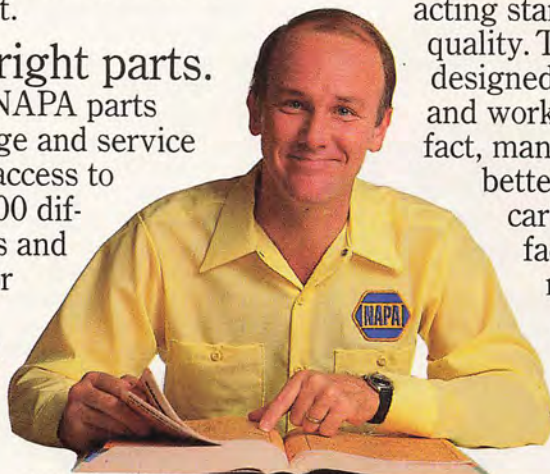
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The Chiefs' defense doesn't function as well without Art Still (67) putting the quietus on rivals.

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more than 66 yards from scrimmage in any game during last year's 6-10 campaign.

Rookie Ethan Horton, Kansas City's No. 1 draft pick, had averaged 107 yards a game in his last two seasons at North Carolina but gained a total of only 146 yards in his rookie season and finished behind Mike Pruitt, who is 32. Pruitt gained 366 yards.

Although the Chiefs still need a goal-line punch, they retain the next best thing. Nick Lowery feels he is kicking better than he did in 1981 when he was selected for the Pro Bowl. His '85 stats tend to prove it. He made good on 24 of 27 field-goal attempts for the third-best percentage mark in NFL history. He was successful on 21 of 22 kicks under 50 yards and had 11 straight field goals to end the year. After the Chiefs' first touchdown of the '86 season, Lowery will be attempting to convert his 82nd consecutive extra-point kick.

Although Maas, his team's sack leader with seven, was the only consistent force in the Chiefs' defensive line, Kansas City again should field one of the best defensive back-

fields in the NFL with at least three standouts.

Free safety Deron Cherry is coming off his third consecutive Pro Bowl campaign. He was better than ever with 85 solo tackles and seven interceptions.

Cornerback Albert Lewis had eight interceptions and was third on the team with 65 unassisted tackles.

Yet the most valuable player for the Chiefs was strong safety Lloyd Burruss, who had 10

tackles in a game against the Raiders and 70 for the season. Linebacker Gary Spani's awesome hits created shock waves across the league and earned him the distinction in fan balloting as the NFL's "Crunchman of the Year."

"I think we're going to get a lot more use out of our linebackers this year," estimates Maas, who spent considerable time with Spani in off-season workouts.

Their topics of conversation last winter did not involve brothers-in-law, since Miami is not on the Kansas City schedule this year.

Wasn't that way last season, however.

The optimism that had the Kansas City players "about ready to explode," (as Maas phrased it) was prompted by opening wins over New Orleans and the Los Angeles Raiders.

The guy who pulled the AstroTurf out from under the Chiefs in Game Three happened to be Marino, who hit 23 of 35 passes for 258 yards and two touchdowns in a 31-0 rout.

Bill Maas' brother-in-law doesn't know a lot about fishing. But his passes on hook routes caught a few suckers that Sunday afternoon.

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Bill Kenney generally gets passing marks.



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"The Eagles have played the bend-but-don't-break defense with some success," Ryan says. "But I believe in taking the ball away and getting it in good field position so the offense can score. We're going to be looking for people with the same thing in mind."

The offense will appreciate any help the defense can offer. En route to a 7-9 finish (including four defeats in the last five games), the Eagles averaged just 17.9 points. They were 24th in the league in scoring.

"I believe in taking the ball away and getting it in good field position so the offense can score. We're going to be looking for people with the same thing in mind."

The job of adding scoring punch falls to another former Bears assistant, Ted Plumb, Ryan's assistant head coach in charge of offense. Plumb has made it clear there will be changes. "I don't think we'll be a typed offense, like a one-back set," Plumb says. "There's nothing wrong with that, but we'll use a number of formations. We'll be a multiple-attacking offense."

For the offense to work, the quarterback question must be resolved. Veteran Ron Jaworski is the front-runner, but by no means has a lock on the job. Benched early last season in favor of newcomer Randall Cunningham, Jaworski was intercepted 20 times and finished with only a 70.2 quarterback rating. Still, he compiled impressive totals: 3,450 yards on 255 completions and 17 touchdowns.

When Cunningham got his chance to start last year, he was simply too inexperienced to come in cold and make an impact. But his scrambling, make-something-happen style, reminiscent of Jim McMahon, is exactly what Ryan is looking for.

Still, Cunningham's youth and Jaworski's age may result in both riding the bench. Ryan looked long and hard at the experienced signal callers around the league who were on the trading block. His deal to acquire Matt Cavanaugh from San Francisco may provide a quick fix.

Plumb says that he likes the potential of his wide receivers. "I was impressed by Mike Quick when he was in college, and I coached him in the Pro Bowl," he says. "I understand that Kenny Jackson has a lot of speed, too."

Quick had one of his finest seasons, catching a team-record 73 passes for 1,247 yards and 11 touchdowns. He was rewarded with an invitation to the Pro Bowl. Jackson added 40 catches for 692 yards. Tight end John Spagnola, an outstanding blocker and big target,



Mike Quick's rewards: All-Pro and Pro Bowl.

caught 64 for 772 yards and five touchdowns.

Fullback Michael Haddix also contributed to the passing attack with 43 receptions. This time he may figure more prominently in the running attack as well. Last season the ground game was the primary responsibility of Earnest Jackson, and he responded with 1,028 yards and five touchdowns. Depth is a concern at

running back, but the Eagles count on their first and second draft choices, Keith Byars and Anthony Toney, to fill backup roles.

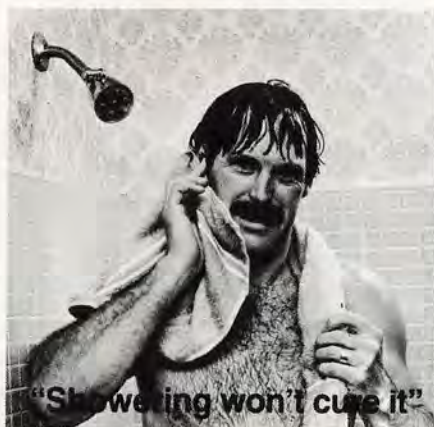
Hunter set a team record by returning kick-offs for 1,047 yards. His 4.5 yard-per-carry average from scrimmage led all running backs. He also scored two touchdowns and caught 28 passes.

Upfront, Steve Kenney and Ron Baker should fill the guard spots. Ken Reeves and Leonard Mitchell return at tackle. Most likely to challenge for starting positions in an area where depth is lacking are Gerry Feehery, Tom Jlesky and Kevin Allen.

Kicker Paul McFadden returns after hitting on 25 of 30 field-goal attempts, including a 52-yarder against St. Louis. Mike Horan, who averaged 41.5 yards, will be the punter. Evan Cooper ranked fifth in the NFC among punt returners with his 8.5-yard average on 43 attempts, and Hunter was eighth in kick returns with a 21.8-yard average.

The Eagles seem to be a team in transition. There is talent but depth problems. And there is concern over how long it will take Buddy Ryan to install his system. Plumb best puts the situation in perspective. "If they had had success on both sides of the ball last year, we wouldn't be here."

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Butch Woolfolk (left) and Keith Bostic are facing a challenging year under a new coach.

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and a weak rush contributed to those statistics.

"Each player on defense has got to take a long look at himself," says nose tackle Mike Stensrud. "I know I'm going to. We can't expect the coaches to do it for us."

The Oilers have a future star in defensive end Ray Childress, a No. 1 draft pick last year. Both safeties, Bo Eason and Keith Bostic, had excellent years, combining for 162 solo tackles. The line, however, got only 17 of the club's 41 sacks. The linebackers are light and young. Another No. 1 pick last year, cornerback Richard Johnson, missed training camp and didn't leave the bench except for special teams duty and mop-up work for injured starters Steve Brown and Patrick Allen. Yet Oiler coaches haven't lost faith in Johnson, who has 4.37 speed.

A surprise was fifth-rounder Frank Bush, a linebacker with 4.6 speed. Bush started most of the year as Glanville's right outside linebacker and was in on 99 tackles and four sacks.

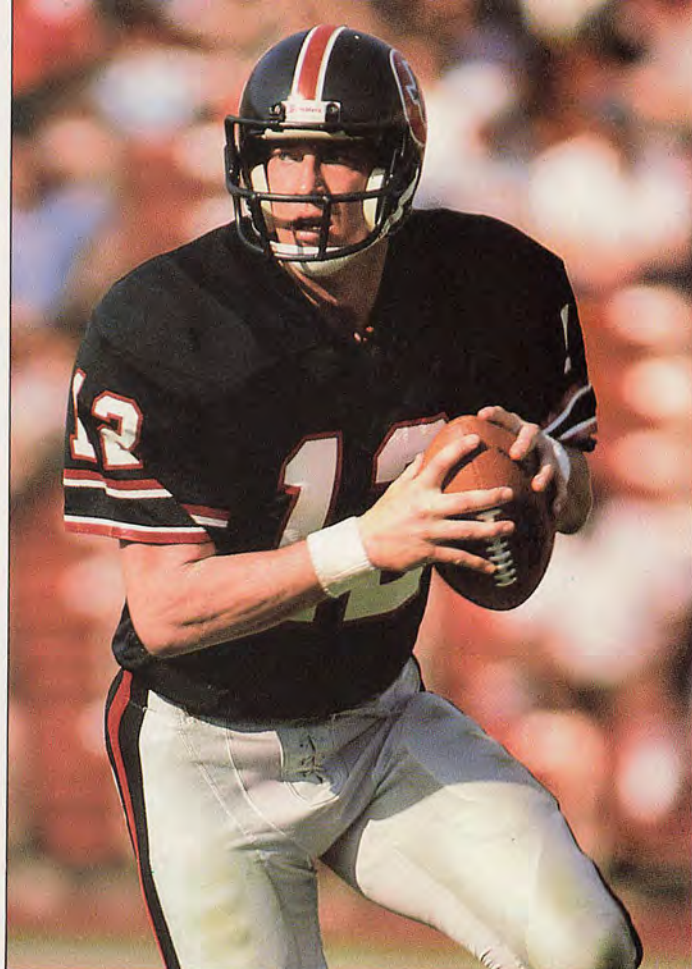
Special teams showed improvement. Rookie kicker Tony Zendejas, traded from Washington, won two games with pressure field goals and hit 21 of 27 attempts. Rookie punter Lee Johnson had a 41.7-yard average, an improvement over the previous year when John James averaged 39.6 yards.

Young talent can help, but the Oilers need more of it to shore up a thin bench. More importantly, they need a winning attitude after going 1-8, 2-14, 3-13, and 5-11 in the past four seasons.

In explaining his decision to promote Glanville, Herzeg says, "We felt Jerry was the person who could get the maximum potential from our team in the shortest possible time."

So, with a new coach, expensive key players and a great deal of pressure to win in short order, Glanville clearly has his work cut out for him.

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With Herschel Walker and Jim Kelly, the New Jersey Generals have the most explosive running/passing attack in the USFL.

USFL Challenges Formidable Odds

by Leonard Shapiro

In case you haven't noticed, there will be competition for the professional football dollar for the first time in more than a decade this fall when the slimmed-down, geared-up United States Football League begins its fourth season after a 15-month hiatus.

You remember the USFL, the league that brought you instant replays on controversial calls, the league that tried and failed to make a go of it in the spring, the league that once had 18 teams but is now down to a fighting, lean eight, the league that gave us Herschel Walker, Jim Kelly, Doug Flutie, the run-and-shoot offense and a schizophrenic champion—the Baltimore Stars—who practiced in Philadelphia

and played home games at the University of Maryland, 35 miles from Baltimore.

The USFL is back, trying to give the National Football League a run for the money, even if its games will not be televised on network television and it has teams in semismall-time markets like Birmingham, Ala., Memphis, Tenn., and Orlando, Fla.

Clearly, it has not been easy fielding USFL teams this fall, and in its 15 months of hibernation, it has not been particularly pretty. There have been messy mergers and franchise folds and shifts, payroll problems so severe that several teams simply got rid of front office staffs to save a buck here and there.

Jim Mora, who coached the Stars to two

USFL titles, left a championship team to coach the New Orleans Saints of the NFL and took his entire coaching staff with him. At least they know their checks won't bounce.

Donald Trump, flamboyant owner of the New Jersey Generals, bought out one of his partners, then managed a merger with the Houston franchise, sacking Coach Walt Michaels along the way and picking up Jim Kelly, who some believe is among the best quarterbacks ever to play the game. Kelly will be paired with star running back Walker. "We'll have a team that is probably as good as any assembled," Trump says.

All of that wheeling and dealing left last year's Generals quarterback, a pretty fair

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signal caller himself named Flutie, wondering where he'd spend this season. The Generals' bench seemed the most likely prospect, making him perhaps the most expensive backup quarterback in either league.

The USFL has been a plucky league and has also been a major thorn in the side of the more established NFL.

They spent a good portion of the spring in court after suing the NFL for \$1.32 billion, claiming the older league violated antitrust laws and monopolized the sport by tying up contracts with television networks, sports stadiums and players. As this magazine went to press, the trial was still in progress. USFL owners firmly believed they had a strong case.

Clearly, the USFL folks know full well that their league cannot survive long without network television. The league was seen on ABC and ESPN for its first three seasons. Those contracts brought in about \$18 million. ESPN, which would have paid \$23 million to the USFL if the league had remained in the spring, will pay out only \$8 million this year for an 18-game 1986 season, with most games to be played on Thursdays and Sundays.

"We can't prosper without network television," said USFL Commissioner Harry Usher shortly before the trial began. "Time and again, I've said there is no alternative in sports to network television."

The USFL did not knock 'em dead at the box office in its final spring season, though league publicists insist the average gate figure of the eight remaining USFL teams was 31,446. Attendance in the old American Football League averaged only 25,000 per team in its fifth season. But attendance figures can also be deceiving. How many tickets, for example, were freebies? The bottom lines also tell you that no USFL team made a profit last season. That seems likely to be the case again.

The league will open its regular season on Sept. 14 and conclude on Jan. 11. There will be two weekends of playoffs involving five teams, followed by the championship game Feb. 1 in Jacksonville, Fla., a week after the NFL's Super Bowl.

The eight teams will play in two divisions, the Liberty (Baltimore Stars, Birmingham Stallions, Memphis Showboats and New Jersey Generals) and the Independence (Arizona Outlaws, Jacksonville Bulls, Orlando Renegades and Tampa Bay Bandits).

"Playing 18 games with just eight teams is going to be tough," says Generals running back Herschel Walker, who had tried, unsuccessfully, to switch to the Dallas Cowboys, the NFL team that holds his draft rights. "You're going to play some teams three, maybe four times. Two times is bad enough, the third time could be boring."

Still, Walker insists that he is optimistic about the move to the fall. "People didn't watch us in the spring because they had other things to

do," he says. "Now we'll be playing when everyone else is. It's going to be a battle. Everyone has the same concern. Where is this league heading?"

The lords of the NFL have always suspected that the USFL eventually wanted a merger reminiscent of the AFL in 1970. But the USFL's lawsuit angered a number of NFL executives and that possibility seems improbable.

"Not in my lifetime," one NFL owner said. "It's a Mickey Mouse league and we want no part of it."

"There will not be a merger settlement to the USFL case," said NFL Commissioner Pete Rozelle, adding also that expansion seems unlikely until the lawsuit and other problems are settled.

Then, he indicated, the league may expand from 28 to 30 teams. "It's a simple matter of getting major problems out of the way so the owners feel some sort of stability," Rozelle said in his pre-Super Bowl state of the NFL address.

Aside from the suit, the USFL has caused other major problems for the NFL. In its early days, the USFL forced a salary escalation in the competition to sign the very best players, rookies out of college like Walker and Flutie, and NFL veterans like Doug Williams, Brian Sipe and Greg Landry. Over the last decade, NFL average salaries have soared close to \$200,000 a year. Team payrolls have climbed from the \$3 million level in the late 1970s to the \$10- and \$12- million range in 1986.

The USFL also has taken away a number of top-flight players who could have had a major impact on the NFL. Imagine, for example, the Cowboys with Walker, the lowly Buffalo Bills with Kelly, the Redskins with Kelvin Bryant.

The NFL is hardly hurting, particularly after a 1985 season that saw a strong comeback both at the gate and in television ratings. But some serious problems still nag the league.

Primary among them is the drug scandal that simply will not go away. The day after the Super Bowl, it was reported that one of the participating teams, the New England Patriots, had a number of players who had been treated for drug problems during the season, a major embarrassment to the team and the league.

In the off-season, Rozelle pledged to begin a mandatory drug testing program for the 1986 season, though that brought a howl of protest from the NFL Players Association. Rozelle said he hoped the players would implement their own plan but promised that if they did not, he would take steps to put in his own, including spot testing during the season.

"The penalties need to be tough," says Gene Upshaw, executive director of the NFL Players Association. "That's the way to control the drug problem in the NFL. We're very serious about this. The players feel they have a responsibility to the public."

The NFL borrowed a page from the USFL's

rule book when it approved the use of instant replays on some calls. The change applies to less controversial plays—pass receptions, fumbles and out-of-bounds calls. It does not apply to most penalties, including pass interference, a call that has always been a major problem for NFL officials.

Dallas Cowboys President Tex Schramm, a leading advocate of the replay change, thinks few calls will be reversed. "The replay has to be totally conclusive," he says. "The replay has to come up in the first 10 or 15 seconds, or we won't consider it."

On the NFL's agenda in the next year are negotiations for new television contracts with the major networks and a new collective bargaining agreement with the players association.

There will be major changes on the field this season. John Riggins won't be playing for the Redskins anymore, having been waived by the same Redskin team he took to the Super Bowl Championship four years ago.

Feisty Buddy Ryan switched from the Bears to try to revive the Philadelphia Eagles, and laconic Gene Stallings moved from the Cowboys to try to do the same for the Cardinals. Both seemed destined to fail, for now, in a league that is closer to Rozelle's beloved parity than ever before.

But some things will not change. Walter Payton will keep running toward football immortality, and people like Tony Dorsett, Eric Dickerson and Marcus Allen will be chasing him all the way.

Don Shula and Tom Landry are back to add class to the sidelines, while Mike Ditka will try to become the first coach to win back-to-back Super Bowl titles since Chuck Noll of the Steelers in 1974 and '75.

While the USFL goes after everything but the kitchen sink, the NFL still has its Refrigerator on the field. Take your pick. It's 1986, and the choice this fall is yours.

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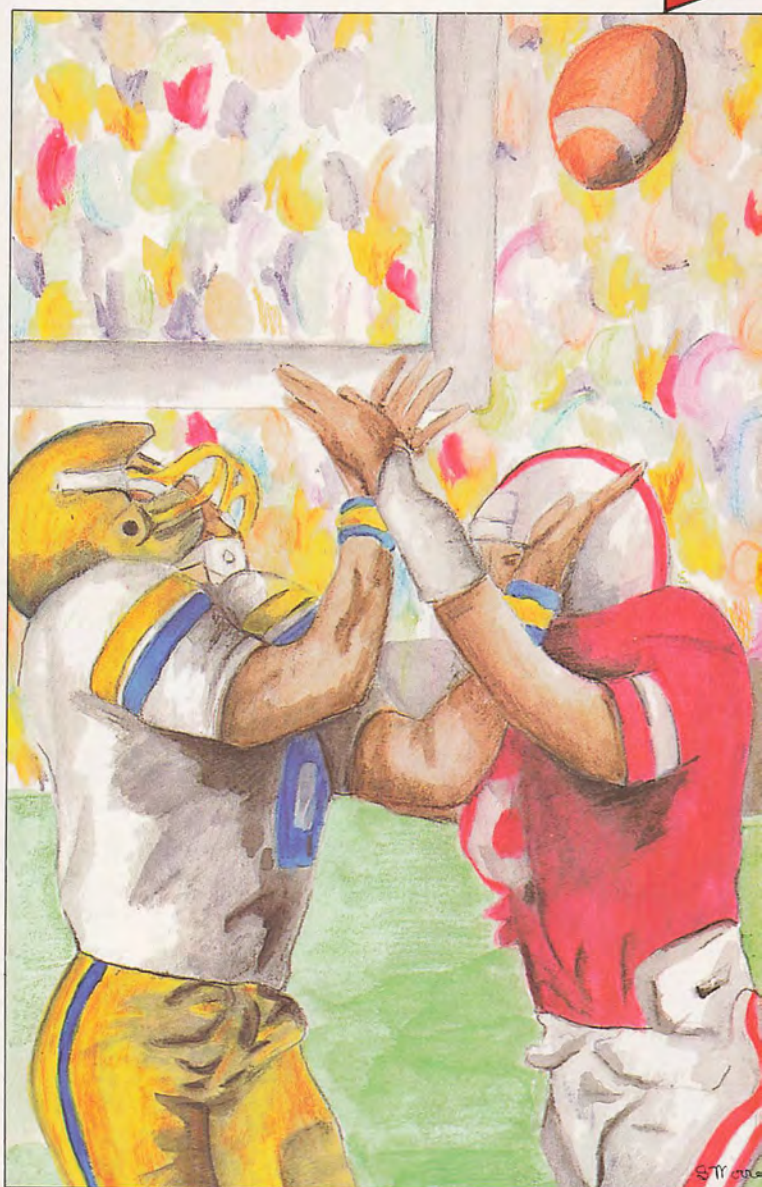
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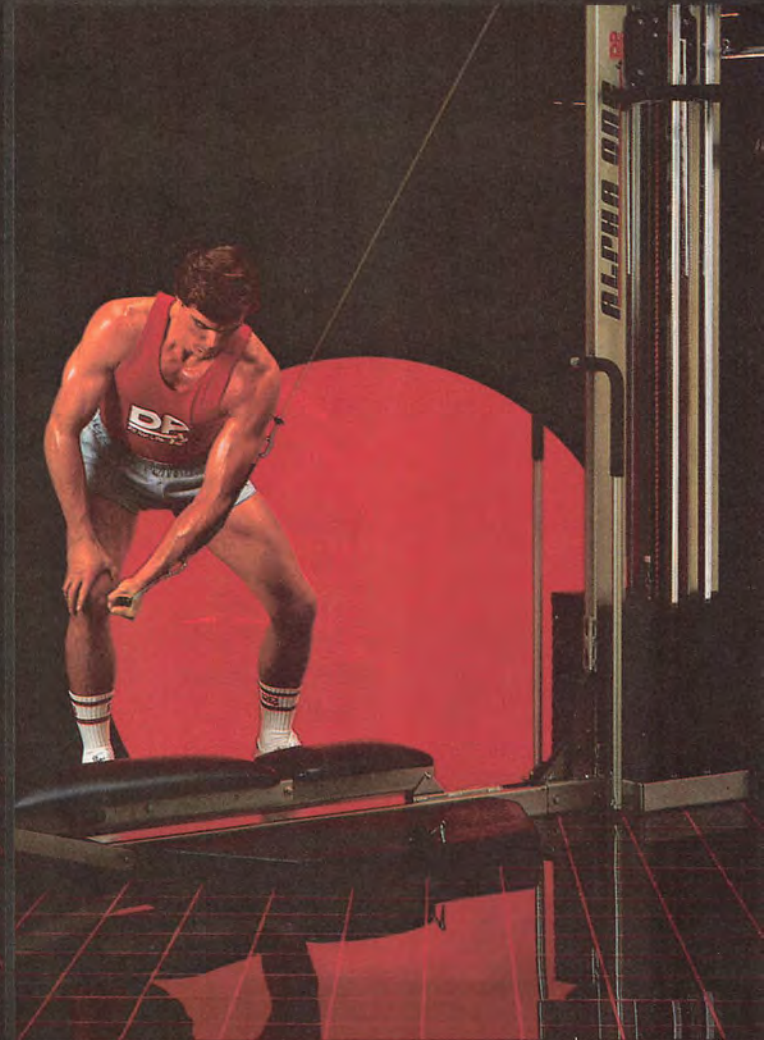
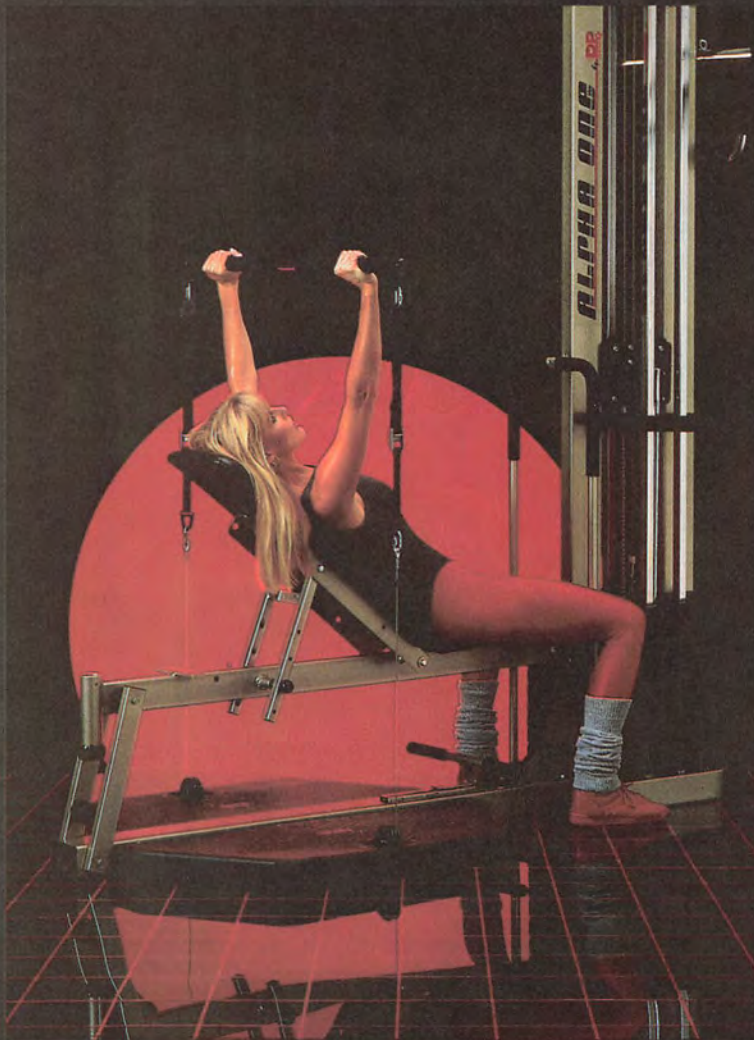
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85	Allen, Anthony	WR	5-11	182	2	Wash.	18	Luckhurst, Mick	K	6-2	183	6	California
31	Andrews, William	RB	6-0	213	7	Auburn	52	Malancon, Rydell	LB	6-1	227	3	LSU
16	Archer, Dave	QB	6-2	203	3	Iowa St.	93	Martin, Brent	C	6-3	255	2	Stanford
39	Austin, Cliff	RB	6-0	207	4	Clemson	49	Matthews, Allama	TE	6-2	230	4	Vanderbilt
38	Ayres, John	CB	5-11	187	2	Illinois		Merritt, Charles	LB	6-2	235	2	Cars. New.
82	Bailey, Stacey	WR	6-0	157	5	S. Jose St.	62	Miller, Brett	T	6-7	290	4	Iowa
69	Benish, Dan	DT	6-5	280	4	Clemson	64	Pellegrini, Joe	G-C	6-4	264	5	Harvard
87	Benson, Cliff	TE	6-4	238	3	Purdue	74	Pitts, Mike	DT	6-5	277	4	Alabama
53	Benson, Thomas	LB	6-2	235	3	Oklahoma	27	Pridemore, Tom	S	5-11	186	9	W.Va.
26	Britt, James	CB	6-0	185	4	LSU	72	Provence, Andrew	DE	6-3	267	4	S.C.
	Brown, Aaron	LB	6-2	230	4	Ohio St.	59	Rade, John	LB	6-1	220	4	Boise St.
89	Brown, Charlie	WR	5-10	184	5	S.C. State	55	Radloff, Wayne	C-G	6-5	263	2	Georgia
77	Bryan, Rick	DE	6-4	270	3	Oklahoma	56	Richardson, Al	LB	6-3	222	7	Ga. Tech
23	Butler, Bobby	CB	5-11	170	6	Fla. St.	42	Riggs, Gerald	RB	6-1	232	5	Ariz. St.
25	Case, Scott	S	6-0	178	3	Oklahoma	67	Sanders, Eric	T	6-7	280	6	Nev.-Reno
20	Cason, Wendell	CB	5-11	183	2	Oregon	15	Schonert, Turk	QB	6-1	190	7	Stanford
88	Cox, Arthur	TE	6-2	255	4	Texas So.		Scott, Lindsay	WR	6-1	200	5	Georgia
30	Croudp, David	DB	5-8	180	3	S. Diego St.	61	Scully, John	G	6-6	265	6	Notre D.
50	Curry, Buddy	LB	6-4	222	7	N.C.		Sharp, Dan	TE	6-2	235	1	TCU
3	Donnelly, Rick	P	6-0	184	2	Wyoming	29	Stamps, Sylvester	RB	5-7	166	3	Jackson St.
79	Fralic, Bill	T-G	6-5	280	2	Pittsburgh		Stoops, Michael	S	6-2	190	2	Iowa
58	Frye, David	LB	6-2	218	4	Purdue		Sydnor, Christopher	S	6-0	195	2	Penn St.
76	Gann, Mike	DE	6-5	265	2	Notre D.	96	Taylor, Johnny	LB	6-4	235	3	Hawaii
1	Giacomarro, Ralph	P	6-1	194	4	Penn St.	66	Thomas, Chuck	C-G	6-3	277	2	Oklahoma
70	Goff, Willard	DT	6-3	265	2	W. Tex. St.	22	Thomas, Sean	DB	5-11	190	2	TCU
33	Greene, Tiger	CB	5-10	184	2	W. Car.	32	Tyrrell, Tim	RB	6-1	201	3	N. Ill.
8	Holly, Bob	QB	6-2	190	5	Princeton	57	Van Note, Jeff	C	6-2	264	18	Kentucky
71	Howe, Glen	T	6-6	292	2	So. Miss.	36	Wagoner, Dan	DB	5-10	180	5	Kansas
51	Jackson, Jeff	LB	6-1	228	3	Auburn	24	Washington, Joe	RB	5-10	179	10	Oklahoma
81	Johnson, Billy	WR	5-9	170	12	Widener	92	Washington, Ronnie	LB	6-1	236	2	NE La. St.
37	Johnson, Kenny	S	5-11	167	7	Miss. St.	45	Whisenhunt, Ken	TE	6-2	233	2	Ga. Tech
78	Kenn, Mike	T	6-7	277	9	Michigan		Wilkes, Reggie	LB	6-4	240	9	Ga. Tech
63	Kiewel, Jeff	G	6-4	265	2	Arizona		Williams, Joel	LB	6-1	225	8	WisLaC'se
80	Landrum, Mike	TE	6-2	231	3	So. Miss.							

Head Coach: Dan Henning (NFL Record: 15-33)

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1985 Data

Record: 4-12-0, 4th NFC West
 Total Offense: 310.0 yds. per game
 Total Defense: 365.6 yds. per game
 Scoring Offense: 17.6 ptpp.
 Scoring Defense: 28.3 ptpp.
 Leading Rusher: Gerald Riggs, 1719 yds., 10 TDs.
 Leading Passer: Dave Archer, 161-312-17, 1992 yds., 7 TDs.
 Leading Receiver: Billy Johnson, 62 ct., 830 yds., 5 TDs.

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31	New Orleans	24
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10	Washington	44
17	Philadelphia	23
30	Los Angeles Rams	14
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10	Kansas City	38
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BUFFALO BILLS

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64	Babyar, Chris	G	6-4	264	2	Illinois	95	McNanie, Sean	DE	6-5	265	3	S. Diego St.
43	Bayless, Martin	S	6-2	195	3	B. Green	34	Moore, Booker	FB	5-11	222	5	Penn St.
28	Bell, Greg	RB	5-10	210	3	Notre D.	11	Norwood, Scott	K	6-0	205	2	J. Madison
36	Bellinger, Rodney	CB	5-8	189	3	Miami(Fl.)	23	Perryman, Jim	S	6-0	175	2	Millikin
81	Brookins, Mitchell	WR	5-11	196	3	Illinois	27	Pitts, Ron	CB	5-10	175	2	UCLA
85	Burkett, Chris	WR	6-4	198	2	Jackson St.	79	Prater, Dean	DE	6-4	256	5	Okla. St.
29	Burroughs, Derrick	CB	6-1	180	2	Mem. St.	87	Ramson, Eason	TE	6-2	234	8	Wash. St.
80	Butler, Jerry	WR	6-0	178	7	Clemson	83	Reed, Andre	WR	6-0	186	2	Kutztown
69	Christy, Greg	G	6-4	279	2	Pittsburgh	14	Reich, Frank	QB	6-3	208	2	Maryland
20	Cribbs, Joe	RB	5-11	193	6	Auburn	82	Richardson, Eric	WR	6-1	185	2	S. Jose St.
63	Cross, Justin	T	6-6	263	5	W.St.(Colo.)	40	Riddick, Robb	RB	6-0	195	4	Millersv.St.
59	David, Stan	LB	6-3	210	2	Texas Tech	51	Ritcher, Jim	G	6-3	258	7	N.C. St.
70	Devlin, Joe	T	6-5	267	10	Iowa	26	Romes, Charles	CB	6-1	188	10	N.C. Cent.
58	Dickerson, Anthony	LB	6-2	222	7	SMU	57	Sanford, Lucius	LB	6-2	220	9	Ga. Tech
52	Frazier, Guy	LB	6-2	217	6	Wyoming	60	Seawright, James	LB	6-2	219	2	S.C.
22	Freeman, Steve	S	5-11	185	12	Miss. St.	76	Smerlas, Fred	NT	6-3	268	8	Bost. Coll.
99	Garner, Hal	LB	6-4	219	2	Utah State	78	Smith, Bruce	DE	6-4	279	2	Va. Tech
53	Grant, Will	C	6-3	264	9	Kentucky	74	Smith, Don	NT	6-5	262	8	Miami(Fl.)
75	Hamby, Mike	DT	6-4	253	2	Utah St.	45	Steels, Anthony	RB	5-9	200	2	Nebraska
55	Haslett, Jim	LB	6-3	228	8	Indiana(Pa.)	56	Talley, Darryl	LB	6-4	227	4	W. Va.
71	Hellestrae, Dale	T	6-5	261	2	SMU	86	Teal, Jimmy	WR	5-10	170	2	Texas A&M
25	Hill, Rod	CB	6-0	188	4	K'tucky St.	62	Traynowicz, Mark	G	6-5	272	2	Nebraska
30	Hutchison, Anthony	RB	5-10	186	4	Texas Tech	65	Vogler, Tim	G	6-1	267	8	Ohio St.
48	Johnson, Lawrence	CB	5-11	202	7	Wisconsin	77	Williams, Ben	DE	6-3	266	11	Mississippi
72	Jones, Ken	T	6-5	279	11	Ark. St.	21	Wilson, Don	S	6-2	190	3	N.C. State
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90	Maidlow, Steve	LB	6-2	238	4	Mich. St.							
54	Marve, Eugene	LB	6-2	240	4	Saginaw							
7	Mathison, Bruce	QB	6-3	205	4	Nebraska							
88	Metzelaars, Pete	TE	6-7	243	5	Wabash							

Head Coach: Hank Bullough (NFL Record: 2-10)

1985 Data

Record: 2-14-0, 5th AFC East
 Total Offense: 287.2 yds. per game
 Total Defense: 346.3 yds. per game
 Scoring Offense: 12.5 ptpp.
 Scoring Defense: 23.8 ptpp.
 Leading Rusher: Greg Bell, 883 yds., 8 TDs.
 Leading Passer: Vince Ferragamo, 149-287-17, 1677 yds., 5 TDs.
 Leading Receiver: Greg Bell, 58 ct., 576 yds., 1 TD.

1985 RESULTS

9	San Diego	14
3	New York Jets	42
14	New England	17
20	Minnesota	27
17	Indianapolis	49
3	New England	14
21	Indianapolis	9
17	Philadelphia	21
17	Cincinnati	23
20	Houston	0
7	Cleveland	17
14	Miami	23
7	San Diego	40
7	New York Jets	27
24	Pittsburgh	30
0	Miami	28

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CHICAGO BEARS

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Exp.	Coll.
86	Anderson, Brad	WR	6-2	198	3	Arizona
60	Andrews, Tom	C	6-4	267	3	Louisville
84	Baschnagel, Brian	WR	6-0	193	11	Ohio St.
79	Becker, Kurt	G	6-5	267	5	Michigan
25	Bell, Todd	S	6-1	205	5	Ohio St.
62	Bortz, Mark	G	6-6	269	4	Iowa
8	Buford, Maury	P	6-1	191	5	Tex. Tech
6	Butler, Kevin	K	6-1	204	2	Georgia
54	Cabral, Brian	LB	6-1	227	8	Colorado
74	Covert, Jim	T	6-4	271	4	Pittsburgh
95	Dent, Richard	DE	6-5	263	4	Tenn. St.
22	Duerson, Dave	S	6-1	203	4	Notre D.
88	Dunsmore, Pat	TE	6-3	237	4	Drake
45	Fencik, Gary	S	6-1	196	11	Yale
21	Frazier, Leslie	CB	6-0	187	6	Alcorn St.
71	Frederick, Andy	T	6-6	265	10	New Mex.
4	Fuller, Steve	QB	6-4	195	8	Clemson
83	Gault, Willie	WR	6-1	183	4	Tennessee
23	Gayle, Shaun	CB	5-11	193	3	Ohio St.
29	Gentry, Dennis	RB	5-8	181	5	Baylor
99	Hampton, Dan	DT	6-5	267	8	Arkansas
90	Harris, Al	LB	6-5	253	7	Ariz. St.
73	Hartenstine, Mike	DE	6-3	254	12	Penn. St.
63	Hilgenberg, Jay	C	6-3	258	6	Iowa
75	Humphries, Stefan	G	6-3	263	3	Michigan
98	Keys, Tyrone	DE	6-7	267	4	Miss. St.
89	Krenk, Mitch	TE	6-2	233	3	Nebraska
91	Maness, James	WR	6-1	174	2	TCU
82	Margerum, Ken	WR	6-0	180	5	Stanford
58	Marshall, Wilber	LB	6-1	225	3	Florida

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Exp.	Coll.
85	McKinnon, Dennis	WR	6-1	185	4	Fla. St.
9	McMahon, Jim	QB	6-1	190	5	BYU
76	McMichael, Steve	DT	6-2	260	7	Texas
87	Moorehead, Emery	TE	6-2	220	10	Colorado
51	Morrissey, Jim	LB	6-3	215	2	Mich. St.
89	Ortego, Keith	WR	6-0	180	2	McN'se St.
34	Payton, Walter	RB	5-10	202	12	Jackson St.
72	Perry, William	DT	6-2	308	2	Clemson
48	Phillips, Reggie	DB	5-10	170	2	SMU
53	Rains, Dan	LB	6-1	229	4	Cincinnati
27	Richardson, Mike	CB	6-0	188	4	Ariz. St.
59	Rivera, Ron	LB	6-3	239	3	California
20	Sanders, Thomas	RB	5-11	203	2	Texas A&M
50	Singletary, Mike	LB	6-0	228	6	Baylor
26	Suhey, Matt	FB	5-11	216	7	Penn. St.
31	Taylor, Ken	CB	6-1	185	2	Oregon St.
57	Thayer, Tom	G-C	6-4	280	2	Notre D.
33	Thomas, Calvin	FB	5-11	245	5	Illinois
52	Thrift, Cliff	LB	6-1	230	8	E.C. Okla.
18	Tomczak, Mike	QB	6-1	195	2	Ohio St.
78	Van Horne, Keith	T	6-6	280	6	USC
70	Waechter, Henry	DT	6-5	275	5	Nebraska
55	Wilson, Otis	LB	6-2	232	7	Louisville
80	Wrightman, Tim	TE	6-3	237	2	UCLA

Head Coach: Mike Ditka (NFL Record: 40-22)

1985 Data

Record: 18-1-0 (includes playoffs), 1st NFC Central
 Total Offense: 364.8 yds. per game
 Total Defense: 258.4 yds. per game
 Scoring Offense: 28.5 ptpg.
 Scoring Defense: 12.4 ptpg.
 Leading Rusher: Walter Payton, 1551 yds., 9 TDs.
 Leading Passer: Jim McMahon, 178-313-11, 2392 yds., 15 TDs.
 Leading Receiver: Walter Payton, 49 ct., 483 yds., 2 TDs.

1985 RESULTS

38	Tampa Bay	28
20	New England	7
33	Minnesota	24
45	Washington	10
27	Tampa Bay	19
26	San Francisco	10
23	Green Bay	7
27	Minnesota	9
16	Green Bay	10
24	Detroit	3
44	Dallas	0
36	Atlanta	0
24	Miami	38
17	Indianapolis	10
19	New York Jets	6
37	Detroit	17
Playoffs: 21	New York Giants	0
24	Los Angeles Rams	0
46	New England	10

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CINCINNATI BENGALS

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Exp.	Coll.
40	Alexander, Charles	RB	6-1	226	8	LSU
14	Anderson, Ken	QB	6-3	212	16	Augustana
53	Barker, Leo	LB	6-2	227	3	N. Mex. St.
74	Blados, Brian	G	6-4	295	3	N.C.
61	Boyarisky, Jerry	NT	6-3	290	6	Pittsburgh
3	Breech, Jim	K	5-6	161	8	California
34	Breeden, Louis	CB	5-11	185	9	N.C. Cent.
21	Brooks, James	RB	5-10	182	6	Auburn
81	Brown, Eddie	WR	6-0	185	2	Miami(Fl.)
79	Browner, Ross	DE	6-3	265	9	Notre D.
76	Collins, Glen	DE	6-6	265	5	Miss. St.
80	Collinsworth, Cris	WR	6-5	192	6	Florida
73	Edwards, Eddie	DE	6-5	256	10	Miami(Fl.)
7	Esiason, Boomer	QB	6-4	220	3	Maryland
22	Griffin, James	S	6-2	197	4	Mid. Tenn.
83	Harris, M.L.	TE	6-5	238	7	Kansas St.
82	Holman, Rodney	TE	6-3	232	5	Tulane
20	Horton, Ray	CB	5-11	190	4	Wash.
37	Jackson, Robert	S	5-10	186	6	C. Mich.
36	Jennings, Stanford	RB	6-1	205	3	Furman
30	Johnson, Bill	RB	6-2	230	2	Ark. St.
26	Kemp, Bobby	S	6-0	191	6	Cal. St. Ful.
89	Kern, Don	TE	6-4	225	3	Ariz. St.
90	King, Emanuel	LB	6-4	245	2	Alabama
28	Kinnebrew, Larry	RB	6-1	255	4	Tenn. St.
64	Kozerski, Bruce	C	6-4	275	3	Holy Cross
86	Kreider, Steve	WR	6-3	192	8	Lehigh
69	Krumrie, Tim	NT	6-2	262	4	Wisconsin
88	Martin, Mike	WR	5-10	186	4	Illinois
87	McInally, Pat	P	6-6	212	11	Harvard

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Exp.	Coll.
65	Montoya, Max	G	6-5	275	8	UCLA
78	Munoz, Anthony	T	6-6	278	7	USC
42	Pickering, Clay	WR	6-5	215	3	Maine
75	Reimers, Bruce	T	6-7	280	3	Iowa St.
52	Rimington, Dave	C	6-3	288	4	Nebraska
59	Schuh, Jeff	LB	6-3	234	6	Minn.
25	Simmons, John	CB	5-11	192	6	SMU
56	Simpkins, Ron	LB	6-1	235	6	Michigan
35	Turner, Jimmy	CB	6-0	187	4	UCLA
63	Walter, Joe	T	6-6	290	2	Texas Tech
41	Washington, Sam	CB	5-9	180	5	Miss. V. St.
57	Williams, Reggie	LB	6-0	228	11	Dartmouth
77	Wilson, Mike	T	6-5	271	9	Georgia
91	Zander, Carl	LB	6-2	235	2	Tennessee

Head Coach: Sam Wyche (NFL Record: 15-17)

1985 Data

Record: 7-9-0, 2nd AFC Central
 Total Offense: 369.1 yds. per game
 Total Defense: 353.6 yds. per game
 Scoring Offense: 27.5 ptpg.
 Scoring Defense: 27.3 ptpg.
 Leading Rusher: James Brooks, 929 yds., 7 TDs.
 Leading Passer: Boomer Esiason, 431-251-12, 3443 yds., 27 TDs.
 Leading Receiver: Cris Collinsworth, 65 ct., 1125 yds., 5 TDs.

1985 RESULTS

24	Seattle	28
27	St. Louis	41
41	San Diego	44
37	Pittsburgh	24
20	New York Jets	29
35	New York Giants	30
27	Houston	44
26	Pittsburgh	21
23	Buffalo	17
27	Cleveland	10
6	Los Angeles Raiders	13
6	Cleveland	24
45	Houston	27
50	Dallas	24
24	Washington	27
23	New England	34

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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Exp.	Coll.
26	Allen, Greg	RB	5-11	200	2	Fla. St.
61	Baab, Mike	C	6-4	270	5	Texas
9	Bahr, Matt	K	5-10	175	8	Penn St.
99	Baldwin, Keith	DE	6-4	270	5	Texas A&M
56	Banks, Chip	LB	6-4	233	5	USC
83	Banks, Fred	WR-KR	5-10	177	2	Liberty U.
77	Bolden, Rickey	T	6-6	280	3	SMU
47	Brazel, Larry	CB	6-0	184	8	USC
86	Brennan, Brian	WR	5-9	178	3	Bost. Coll.
67	Brooks, Terrance	G-C	6-1	245	2	Towson St.
44	Byner, Earnest	RB	5-10	215	3	E. Car.
96	Camp, Reggie	DE	6-4	270	4	California
91	Clancy, Sam	DE	6-7	260	3	Pittsburgh
39	Colson, Eddie	FB	5-10	228	2	N.C.
75	Contz, Bill	T	6-5	270	4	Penn St.
50	Cousineau, Tom	LB	6-3	225	5	Ohio St.
18	Danielson, Gary	QB	6-2	196	10	Purdue
38	Davis, Johnny	FB	6-1	235	9	Alabama
33	Dickey, Curtis	RB	6-1	220	7	Texas A&M
29	Dixon, Hanford	CB	5-11	186	6	So. Miss.
74	Farren, Paul	T	6-5	270	4	Boston U.
69	Fike, Dan	G-T	6-7	280	2	Florida
28	Fontenot, Herman	RB-KR	6-0	206	2	LSU
79	Golic, Bob	NT	6-2	260	7	Notre D.
7	Gossett, Jeff	P	6-2	200	5	Eastern Ill.
	Griggs, Anthony	LB	6-3	232	5	Ohio St.
27	Gross, Al	S	6-3	195	4	Arizona
78	Hairston, Carl	DE	6-4	260	11	Md.(E.Sh.)
1	Hill, Troy	CB-S	5-11	174	2	Pittsburgh
81	Holt, Harry	TE	6-4	230	4	Arizona

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Exp.	Coll.
51	Johnson, Eddie	LB	6-1	225	6	Louisville
19	Kosar, Bernie	QB	6-5	210	2	Miami
88	Langhorne, Reginald	WR	6-2	195	2	Eliz. Cty. St.
62	Lilja, George	G-C	6-4	270	5	Michigan
34	Mack, Kevin	RB	6-0	212	2	Clemson
57	Matthews, Clay	LB	6-2	235	9	USC
16	McDonald, Paul	QB	6-2	185	7	USC
31	Minnifield, Frank	CB	5-9	180	3	Louisville
97	Morrill, David	NT	6-2	260	2	Ohio St.
82	Newsome, Ozzie	TE	6-2	232	9	Alabama
58	Nicolas, Scott	LB	6-3	226	5	Miami
72	Puzzuoli, Dave	NT	6-3	260	4	Pittsburgh
63	Risien, Cody	T	6-7	280	7	Texas A&M
37	Rockins, Chris	S	6-0	195	3	Okla. St.
20	Rogers, Don	S	6-1	206	3	UCLA
89	Shakespeare, Stanley	WR	6-0	180	2	Miami
87	Tucker, Travis	TE	6-3	227	2	So.Conn.St.
85	Weathers, Clarence	WR-PR	5-9	170	4	Dela. St.
55	Weathers, Curtis	LB	6-5	230	8	Miss.
70	Williams, Larry	G	6-5	269	2	Notre D.
22	Wright, Felix	CB-S	6-2	190	2	Drake
84	Young, Glen	WR-KR	6-2	205	4	Miss. St.

Head Coach: Marty Schottenheimer (NFL Record: 12-13)

1985 Data

Record: 8-9-0 (includes playoffs), 1st AFC Central
 Total Offense: 307.5 yds. per game
 Total Defense: 309.8 yds. per game
 Scoring Offense: 17.9 ptpg.
 Scoring Defense: 18.4 ptpg.
 Leading Rusher: Kevin Mack, 1104 yds., 7 TDs.
 Leading Passer: Bernie Kosar, 124-248-7, 1528 yds., 8 TDs.
 Leading Receiver: Ozzie Newsome, 62 ct., 711 yds., 5 TDs.

1985 RESULTS

24	St. Louis	27
17	Pittsburgh	7
7	Dallas	20
21	San Diego	7
24	New England	20
21	Houston	6
20	Los Angeles Raiders	21
7	Washington	14
9	Pittsburgh	10
10	Cincinnati	27
17	Buffalo	7
24	Cincinnati	6
35	New York Giants	33
13	Seattle	31
28	Houston	21
10	New York Jets	37
Playoffs: 21	Miami	24

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DALLAS COWBOYS

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Exp.	Coll.
36	Albritton, Vince	LB	6-2	213	3	Wash.
76	Aughtman, Dowe	G	6-2	259	2	Auburn
62	Baldinger, Brian	G	6-4	261	4	Duke
87	Banks, Gordon	WR	5-10	173	4	Stanford
40	Bates, Bill	S	6-1	199	4	Tennessee
99	Brooks, Kevin	DE	6-6	270	2	Michigan
47	Clinkscale, Dextor	S	5-11	195	6	S.C. State
61	Cooper, Jim	T	6-5	274	10	Temple
85	Cornwell, Fred	TE	6-6	233	3	USC
84	Cosbie, Doug	TE	6-6	245	8	Santa Clara
55	DeOssie, Steve	LB	6-2	245	3	Bost. Coll.
33	Dorsett, Tony	RB	5-11	185	10	Pittsburgh
26	Downs, Michael	S	6-3	204	6	Rice
86	Duckett, Kenny	WR	5-11	183	5	Wk. Forest
78	Dutton, John	DT	6-7	268	13	Nebraska
27	Fellows, Ron	CB	6-0	180	6	Missouri
46	Fowler, Todd	FB	6-3	218	2	S.F. Austin
83	Gonzalez, Leon	WR	5-10	162	2	Beth-Cook
58	Hegman, Mike	LB	6-1	228	11	Tenn. St.
80	Hill, Tony	WR	6-2	202	10	Stanford
77	Jeffcoat, Jim	DE	6-5	263	4	Ariz. St.
72	Jones, Ed	DE	6-9	287	12	Tenn. St.
23	Jones, James	RB	5-10	203	6	Miss. St.
68	Ker, Crawford	G	6-3	293	2	Florida
29	Lavette, Robert	RB	5-11	199	2	Ga. Tech
56	Lockhart, Eugene	LB	6-2	234	3	Houston
30	Newsome, Timmy	FB	6-1	237	7	Wins.Sal.St.
16	Pelluer, Steve	QB	6-4	208	3	Wash.
59	Penn, Jesse	LB	6-3	217	2	Va. Tech
65	Petersen, Kurt	G	6-4	278	7	Missouri

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Exp.	Coll.
81	Powe, Karl	WR	6-2	175	2	Ala. St.
75	Pozderac, Phil	T	6-9	282	5	Notre D.
64	Rafferty, Tom	C	6-3	264	11	Penn St.
82	Renfro, Mike	WR	6-0	189	9	TCU
70	Richards, Howard	G-T	6-6	262	6	Missouri
50	Rohrer, Jeff	LB	6-2	230	5	Yale
89	Salonen, Brian	LB	6-3	226	3	Montana
4	Saxon, Mike	P	6-3	187	2	S.Diego St.
66	Schultz, Chris	T	6-8	288	3	Arizona
22	Scott, Victor	DB	6-0	196	3	Colorado
1	Septien, Rafael	K	5-10	179	10	SW La.
60	Smerek, Don	DT	6-7	265	6	Nev.-Reno
67	Thompson, Broderick	G	6-5	280	2	Kansas
32	Thurman, Dennis	S	5-11	179	9	USC
63	Titensor, Glen	G	6-4	261	6	BYU
71	Tuinei, Mark	C	6-5	270	4	Hawaii
24	Walls, Everson	CB	6-1	194	6	Grambling
11	White, Danny	QB	6-3	196	11	Ariz. St.
54	White, Randy	DT	6-4	272	12	Maryland

Head Coach: Tom Landry (NFL Record: 253-148-6)

1985 Data

Record: 10-7-0 (includes playoffs), 1st NFC East
 Total Offense: 350.1 yds. per game
 Total Defense: 350.5 yds. per game
 Scoring Offense: 22.3 ptpg.
 Scoring Defense: 20.8 ptpg.
 Leading Rusher: Tony Dorsett, 1307 yds., 7 TDs.
 Leading Passer: Danny White, 267-450-17, 3157 yds., 21 TDs.
 Leading Receiver: Tony Hill, 74 ct., 1113 yds., 7 TDs.

1985 RESULTS

44	Washington	14
21	Detroit	26
20	Cleveland	7
17	Houston	10
30	New York Giants	29
27	Pittsburgh	13
14	Philadelphia	16
24	Atlanta	10
10	St. Louis	21
13	Washington	7
0	Chicago	44
34	Philadelphia	17
35	St. Louis	17
24	Cincinnati	50
28	New York Giants	21
16	San Francisco	31
Playoffs: 0	Los Angeles Rams	20

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DENVER BRONCOS

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Exp.	Coll.
85	Barber, Mike	TE	6-3	237	11	La. Tech
54	Bishop, Keith	C-G	6-3	265	6	Baylor
64	Bryan, Billy	C	6-2	255	10	Duke
58	Busick, Steve	LB	6-4	227	6	USC
68	Carter, Rubin	NT	6-0	256	12	Miami(Fl.)
79	Chavous, Barney	DE	6-3	258	14	S.C. State
59	Comeaux, Darren	LB	6-1	227	5	Arizona
63	Cooper, Mark	G	6-5	267	4	Miami(Fl.)
55	Dennison, Rick	LB	6-3	220	5	Colo. St.
7	Elway, John	QB	6-3	210	4	Stanford
73	Fletcher, Simon	DE	6-5	240	2	Houston
43	Foley, Steve	S	6-3	190	11	Tulane
62	Freeman, Mike	G	6-3	256	3	Arizona
72	Graves, Marsharne	T	6-3	272	3	Arizona
31	Harden, Mike	CB	6-1	192	7	Michigan
36	Haynes, Mark	CB	5-11	195	7	Colorado
13	Hill, Al	WR	6-3	205	2	Arizona
51	Hinson, Billy	G	6-1	278	2	Florida
74	Hood, Winford	T	6-3	262	3	Georgia
60	Howard, Paul	G	6-3	260	13	BYU
98	Hunley, Ricky	LB	6-2	238	3	Arizona
25	Hunter, Daniel	CB	5-11	175	2	H'nderson
57	Jackson, Tom	LB	5-11	220	14	Louisville
86	Johnson, Butch	WR	6-1	187	10	Cal-Riv'side
82	Johnson, Vance	WR	5-11	174	2	Arizona
75	Jones, Rulon	DE	6-6	260	7	Utah St.
3	Karlis, Rich	K	6-0	180	5	Cincinnati
88	Kay, Clarence	TE	6-2	237	3	Georgia
71	Kragen, Greg	NT	6-3	245	2	Utah St.
8	Kubiak, Gary	QB	6-0	192	4	Texas A&M

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Exp.	Coll.
33	Lang, Gene	RB	5-10	196	3	LSU
76	Lanier, Ken	T	6-3	269	6	Fla. St.
22	Lilly, Tony	S	6-0	199	3	Florida
67	Miraldi, Dean	T	6-5	285	5	Utah
77	Mecklenburg, Karl	DE-LB	6-3	250	4	Minnesota
1	Norman, Chris	P-QB	6-2	198	3	S.C.
34	Poole, Nathan	RB	5-9	212	6	Louisville
21	Riley, Eric	CB	6-0	170	2	Fla. St.
48	Robbins, Randy	CB	6-2	189	3	Arizona
50	Ryan, Jim	LB	6-1	218	8	Wil & Mary
84	Sampson, Clint	WR	5-11	183	4	S. Diego St.
30	Sewell, Steve	RB	6-3	210	2	Oklahoma
56	Smith, Aaron	LB	6-2	225	3	Utah St.
49	Smith, Dennis	S	6-3	200	6	USC
70	Studdard, Dave	T	6-4	260	8	Texas
61	Townsend, Andre	DE-NT	6-3	265	3	Mississippi
81	Watson, Steve	WR	6-4	195	8	Temple
47	Willhite, Gerald	RB	5-10	200	5	S. Jose St.
10	Willis, Larry	WR	5-10	170	2	Fresno St.
45	Wilson, Steve	CB	5-10	195	8	Howard
23	Winder, Sammy	RB	5-11	203	5	So. Miss.
52	Woodard, Ken	LB	6-1	218	5	Tuskegee
87	Wright, James	TE	6-3	240	9	TCU
20	Wright, Louis	CB	6-3	200	12	S. Jose St.

Head Coach: Dan Reeves (NFL Record: 45-28)

1985 Data

Record: 11-5-0, 2nd AFC West
 Total Offense: 343.5 yds. per game
 Total Defense: 323.7 yds. per game
 Scoring Offense: 23.8 ptgg.
 Scoring Defense: 20.6 ptgg.
 Leading Rusher: Sammy Winder, 714 yds., 8 TDs.
 Leading Passer: John Elway, 327-605-23, 3891 yds., 22 TDs.
 Leading Receiver: Steve Watson, 61 ct., 915 yds., 5 TDs.

1985 RESULTS

16	Los Angeles Rams	20
34	New Orleans	23
44	Atlanta	28
26	Miami	30
31	Houston	20
15	Indianapolis	10
13	Seattle	10
30	Kansas City	10
10	San Diego	30
17	San Francisco	16
30	San Diego	24
28	Los Angeles Raiders	31
31	Pittsburgh	23
14	Los Angeles Raiders	17
14	Kansas City	13
27	Seattle	24

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DETROIT LIONS

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Exp.	Coll.
95	Allerman, Kurt	LB	6-3	231	10	Penn St.
68	Baack, Steve	NT-DE	6-4	265	3	Oregon
54	Barnes, Roosevelt	OLB	6-2	228	5	Purdue
90	Beauford, Clayton	WR	5-10	173	2	Auburn
11	Black, Mike	P	6-2	197	4	Ariz. St.
80	Bland, Carl	WR	5-11	182	3	Va. Union
42	Bostic, John	CB	5-10	178	2	Beth-Cook
23	Brown, Arnold	CB	5-10	185	2	N.C. Cent.
75	Brown, Lomas	T	6-4	282	2	Florida
97	Bunz, Dan	ILB	6-4	225	8	L. Bch. St.
89	Chadwick, Jeff	WR	6-3	190	4	Gr. Val. St.
55	Cofer, Michael	OLB	6-4	245	4	Tennessee
50	Curley, August	ILB	6-3	226	4	USC
44	D'Addio, Dave	FB	6-2	229	2	Maryland
72	Dietrich, Chris	K	6-3	260	7	N.C. State
93	Dodge, Kirk	ILB	6-1	231	2	Nev.-L.V.
70	Dorney, Keith	G-T	6-5	270	8	Penn. St.
66	Evans, Leon	DE	6-5	282	2	Miami(Fl.)
12	Ferguson, Joe	QB	6-1	195	14	Arkansas
77	Ferguson, Keith	DE	6-5	260	6	Ohio St.
26	Frizzell, William	S	6-3	198	3	N.C. Cent.
40	Galloway, Duane	CB	5-8	181	2	Ariz. St.
79	Gay, William	DE	6-5	260	9	USC
53	Glover, Kevin	C-G	6-2	267	2	Maryland
33	Graham, William	S	5-11	191	5	Texas
67	Greco, Don	G	6-3	265	5	W. Ill.
62	Green, Curtis	NT-DE	6-3	258	6	Ala. St.
35	Hall, Alvin	KR	5-10	184	6	Miami(Oh.)
99	Hancock, Kevin	ILB	6-2	224	2	Baylor
58	Harrell, James	OLB	6-1	230	7	Florida
17	Hipple, Eric	QB	6-2	198	7	Utah State

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Exp.	Coll.
96	James, June	ILB	6-1	218	2	Texas
21	Johnson, D.	S	5-11	190	4	Missouri
94	Johnson, James	OLB	6-2	235	2	S. Diego St.
34	Jones, A.J.	KR-RB	6-1	215	5	Texas
51	Jones, David	C-G	6-3	260	3	Texas
30	Jones, James	FB	6-2	229	4	Florida
92	King, Angelo	OLB	6-1	222	6	S.C. St.
73	Laster, Don	T	6-4	278	3	Tenn. St.
87	Lewis, David	TE	6-3	235	3	California
82	Mandley, Pete	WR-KR	5-10	191	3	No. Ariz.
98	Maxwell, Vernon	ILB	6-2	235	4	Ariz. St.
81	McCall, Reese	TE	6-6	245	9	Auburn
29	McNorton, Bruce	CB	5-11	175	5	G'town C.
36	Meade, Mike	FB	5-11	227	5	Penn St.
28	Montgomery, Wilbert	RB	5-10	195	10	Abilene C.
24	Moore, Alvin	RB	6-0	194	4	Ariz. St.
52	Mott, Steve	C	6-3	265	4	Alabama
3	Murray, Ed	K	5-10	175	7	Tulane
86	Nichols, Mark	WR	6-2	208	6	S. Jose St.
84	Rubick, Rob	TE	6-3	234	5	Gr. Val. St.
20	Sims, Billy	RB	6-0	212	7	Oklahoma
65	Stevenson, Mark	G-C	6-3	285	2	W. Ill.
71	Strenger, Rich	T	6-7	276	3	Michigan
39	Thompson, Leonard	WR	5-11	192	12	Okla. St.
60	Turnure, Tom	C-G	6-4	253	6	Wash.
27	Watkins, Bobby	CB	5-10	184	5	SW Tex. St.
76	Williams, Eric	NT	6-4	280	3	Wash. St.
59	Williams, Jimmy	OLB	6-3	230	5	Nebraska
18	Witkowski, John	QB	6-1	205	2	Columbia

Head Coach: Darryl Rogers (NFL Record: 7-9)

1985 Data

Record: 7-9-0, T3rd NFC Central
 Total Offense: 279.8 yds. per game
 Total Defense: 349.4 yds. per game
 Scoring Offense: 19.2 ptgg.
 Scoring Defense: 22.9 ptgg.
 Leading Rusher: James Jones, 886 yds., 6 TDs.
 Leading Passer: Eric Hipple, 223-406-18, 2952 yds., 17 TDs.
 Leading Receiver: Leonard Thompson, 51 ct., 736 yds., 5 TDs.

1985 RESULTS

28	Atlanta	27
26	Dallas	21
6	Indianapolis	14
30	Tampa Bay	9
10	Green Bay	43
3	Washington	24
23	San Francisco	21
31	Miami	21
13	Minnesota	16
3	Chicago	24
41	Minnesota	21
16	Tampa Bay	19
31	New York Jets	20
6	New England	23
23	Green Bay	26
17	Chicago	37

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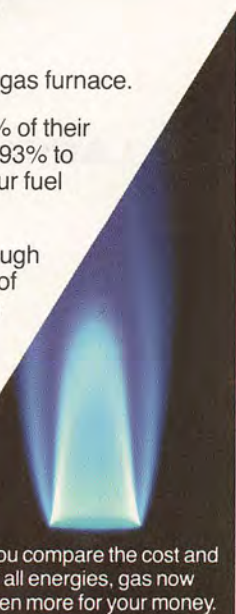
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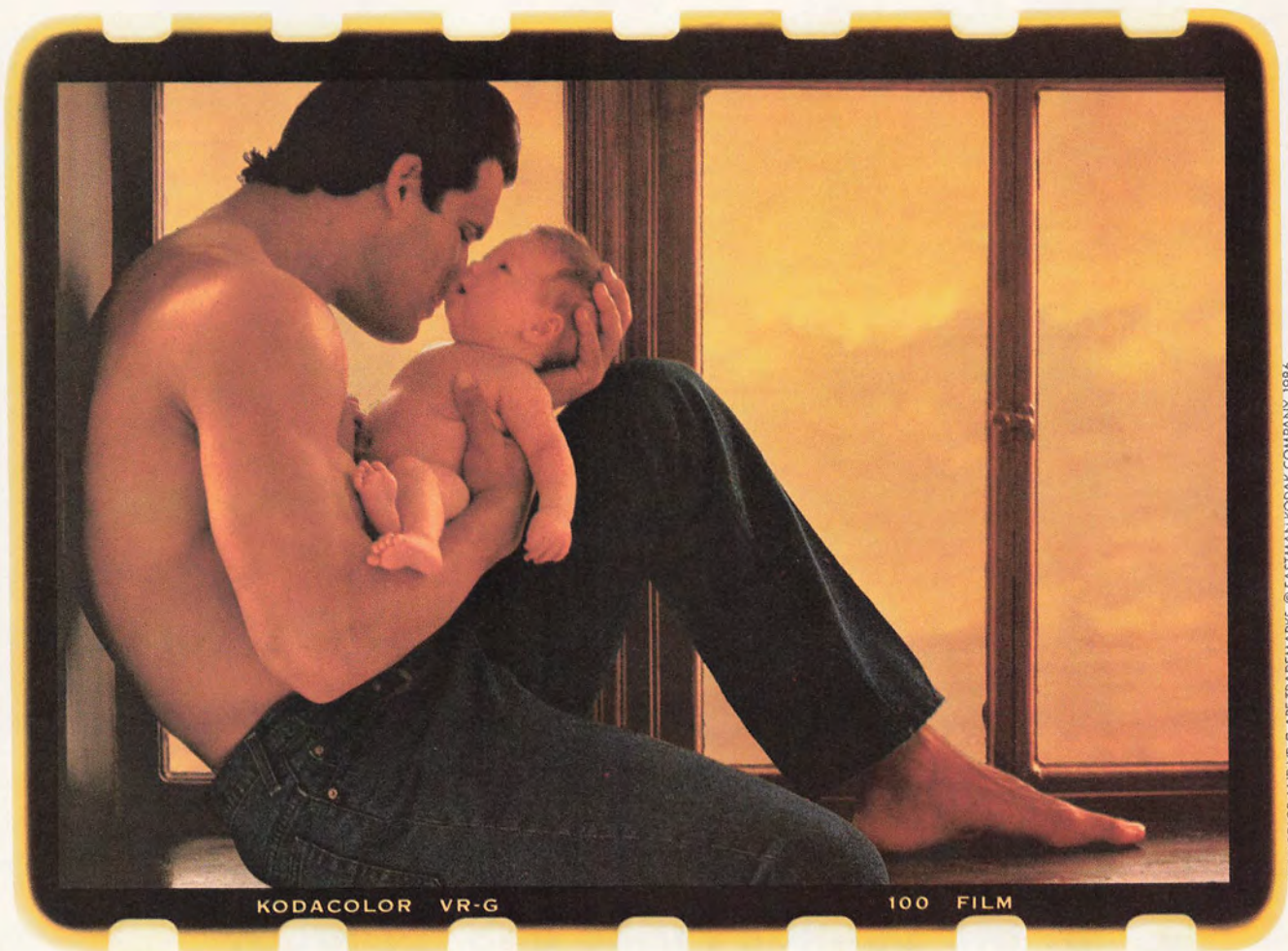


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GREEN BAY PACKERS

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Exp.	Coll.
59	Anderson, John	LB	6-3	229	9	Michigan
17	Bracken, Don	P	6-0	205	2	Michigan
93	Brown, Robert	DE	6-2	250	5	Va. Tech
39	Burgess, Ronnie	DB	5-11	175	2	Wk. Forest
77	Butler, Mike	DE	6-5	269	8	Kansas
24	Cade, Mossy	CB	6-1	195	2	Texas
58	Cannon, Mark	C	6-3	258	3	Texas-Arl.
76	Carreker, Alphonso	DE	6-6	260	3	Fla. St.
23	Clanton, Chuck	DB	5-11	192	2	Auburn
33	Clark, Jessie	FB	6-0	233	4	Arkansas
82	Coffman, Paul	TE	6-3	225	9	Kansas St.
52	Cumby, George	LB	6-0	224	7	Oklahoma
10	Del Greco, Al	K	5-10	195	3	Auburn
88	Dennard, Preston	WR	6-1	183	9	New Mex.
12	Dickey, Lynn	QB	6-4	203	16	Kansas St.
99	Dorsey, John	LB	6-2	235	3	Conn.
53	Douglass, Mike	LB	6-0	214	9	S. Diego St.
42	Ellerson, Gary	RB	5-11	220	2	Wisconsin
31	Ellis, Gerry	FB	5-11	225	7	Missouri
85	Epps, Phillip	WR	5-10	165	4	TCU
5	Ferragamo, Vince	QB	6-3	217	9	Nebraska
41	Flynn, Tom	S	6-0	195	3	Pittsburgh
65	Hallstrom, Ron	G	6-6	283	5	Iowa
27	Hayes, Gary	DB	5-10	180	3	Fresno St.
25	Huckleby, Harlan	RB	6-1	201	7	Michigan
79	Humphrey, Donnie	DE	6-3	275	3	Auburn
40	Ivery, Eddie Lee	HB	6-0	214	7	Ga. Tech
90	Johnson, Ezra	DE	6-4	259	10	Morris Br.
43	Jones, Daryll	DB	6-0	190	3	Georgia
	Keever, Carl	LB	6-2	235	2	Boise St.

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Exp.	Coll.
68	Koch, Greg	T	6-4	276	10	Arkansas
22	Lee, Mark	DB	5-11	188	7	Wash.
89	Lewis, Mark	TE	6-2	218	2	Texas A&M
26	Lewis, Tim	DB	5-11	191	4	Pittsburgh
80	Lofton, James	WR	6-3	197	9	Stanford
94	Martin, Charles	DE	6-4	270	3	Livingston
28	McLeod, Mike	DB	6-0	180	3	M'tana St.
57	Moran, Rich	C-G	6-2	272	2	S. Diego St.
37	Murphy, Mark	FS	6-2	201	6	W. Liberty
91	Noble, Brian	LB	6-3	237	2	Ariz. St.
78	Obrovac, Mike	G-T	6-6	275	6	B. Green
51	Prather, Guy	LB	6-2	229	6	Grambling
75	Ruettgers, Ken	T	6-5	267	2	USC
55	Scott, Randy	LB	6-1	222	5	Alabama
71	Shumate, Mark	DT	6-5	265	2	Wisconsin
87	Stanley, Walter	WR-KR	5-9	180	2	Mesa Coll.
29	Stills, Ken	DB	5-10	185	2	Wisconsin
67	Swanke, Karl	T-C	6-6	262	7	Bost. Coll.
70	Uecker, Keith	G-T	6-5	270	5	Auburn
86	West, Ed	TE	6-1	242	3	Auburn
46	Williams, Ralph	WR	6-2	195	2	Miami(Oh.)
61	Wingle, Blake	G	6-2	260	4	UCLA
50	Wingo, Rich	LB	6-1	227	6	Alabama
16	Wright, Randy	QB	6-2	194	3	Wisconsin
18	Zorn, Jim	QB	6-2	200	11	Cal. Poly

Head Coach: Forrest Gregg (NFL Record: 66-64-0)

1985 Data

Record: 8-8-0, 2nd NFC Central
 Total Offense: 335.7 yds. per game
 Total Defense: 323.3 yds. per game
 Scoring Offense: 21.1 ptpg.
 Scoring Defense: 22.2 ptpg.
 Leading Rusher: Eddie Lee Ivery, 636 yds., 2 TDs.
 Leading Passer: Lynn Dickey, 172-314-17, 2206 yds., 15 TDs.
 Leading Receiver: James Lofton, 69 ct., 1153 yds., 4 TDs.

1985 RESULTS

20	New England	26
23	New York Giants	20
3	New York Jets	24
28	St. Louis	43
43	Detroit	10
20	Minnesota	17
7	Chicago	23
10	Indianapolis	37
10	Chicago	16
27	Minnesota	17
38	New Orleans	14
17	Los Angeles Rams	34
21	Tampa Bay	0
24	Miami	34
26	Detroit	23
20	Tampa Bay	17

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HOUSTON OILERS

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Exp.	Coll.
56	Abraham, Robert	LB	6-1	230	5	N.C. State
86	Akiu, Mike	WR	5-9	185	2	Hawaii
29	Allen, Patrick	CB	5-10	185	3	Utah St.
75	Baker, Jesse	DE	6-5	271	8	Jacksnv.St.
25	Bostic, Keith	SS	6-1	210	4	Michigan
92	Briehl, Tom	LB	6-3	247	2	Stanford
24	Brown, Steve	CB	5-11	189	4	Oregon
94	Bush, Frank	LB	6-1	218	2	N.C. State
71	Byrd, Richard	MG	6-3	255	2	So. Miss.
79	Childress, Ray	DE	6-6	267	2	Texas A&M
42	Crutchfield, Dwayne	RB	6-0	245	5	Iowa St.
31	Donaldson, Jeff	SS	6-0	193	3	Colorado
88	Dressel, Chris	TE	6-4	238	4	Stanford
82	Drewrey, Willie	WR-KR	5-7	158	2	W.Va.
21	Eason, Bo	FS	6-2	200	3	Cal-Davis
32	Edwards, Stan	RB	6-0	210	5	Michigan
68	Golic, Mike	DE	6-5	265	2	Notre D.
59	Grimsley, John	LB	6-2	232	3	Kentucky
41	Hare, Frank	MG	6-2	244	2	Kentucky
85	Hill, Drew	WR	5-9	170	8	Ga. Tech
66	Howell, Pat	OG	6-6	265	7	USC
11	Johnson, Lee	PK	6-1	204	2	BYU
97	Johnson, Mike	DE	6-5	253	2	Illinois
23	Johnson, Richard	CB	6-1	195	2	Wisconsin
58	Kelley, Mike	C-OG	6-5	266	2	Notre D.
37	Kush, Rod	FS	6-1	195	7	Neb.-Oma.
10	Luck, Oliver	QB	6-2	196	5	W. Va.
28	Lyday, Allen	FS	5-10	186	3	Nebraska
93	Lyles, Robert	LB	6-1	223	3	TCU
74	Matthews, Bruce	OT	6-4	280	4	USC

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Exp.	Coll.
89	McCloskey, Mike	TE	6-5	246	4	Penn St.
26	McMillian, Audrey	FS-CB	6-0	190	2	Houston
91	Meads, Johnny	LB	6-2	225	3	Nicholls
1	Moon, Warren	QB	6-3	208	3	Wash.
76	Moran, Eric	OT	6-5	282	3	Wash.
30	Moriarty, Larry	RB	6-1	240	4	Notre D.
63	Munchak, Mike	OG	6-3	286	5	Penn St.
53	Riley, Avon	LB	6-3	236	6	UCLA
55	Romano, Jim	C	6-3	255	5	Penn St.
33	Rozier, Mike	RB	5-10	198	2	Nebraska
73	Salem, Harvey	OT	6-6	285	4	Cal. Berk.
62	Schuhmacher, John	OG	6-3	277	8	USC
99	Smith, Doug	MG	6-4	285	2	Auburn
83	Smith, Tim	WR	6-2	206	7	Nebraska
72	Sochia, Brian	MG	6-3	254	4	NW Ok.St.
70	Steinkuhler, Dean	OG	6-3	273	3	Nebraska
67	Stensrud, Mike	MG	6-5	280	8	Iowa St.
80	Tasker, Steve	PR-KR	5-9	185	2	N'western
87	Williams, Jamie	TE	6-4	232	4	Nebraska
40	Woolfolk, Butch	RB	6-1	212	5	Michigan
7	Zendejas, Tony	K	5-8	160	2	Nev.-Reno

Head Coach: Jerry Glanville (NFL Record: 0-2)

1985 Data

Record: 5-11-0, 4th AFC Central
 Total Offense: 290.8 yds. per game
 Total Defense: 384.7 yds. per game
 Scoring Offense: 17.8 ptpg.
 Scoring Defense: 25.8 ptpg.
 Leading Rusher: Mike Rozier, 462 yds., 8 TDs.
 Leading Passer: Warren Moon, 200-377-19, 2709 yds., 15 TDs.
 Leading Receiver: Butch Woolfolk, 80 ct., 814 yds., 4 TDs.

1985 RESULTS

26	Miami	23
13	Washington	16
0	Pittsburgh	20
10	Dallas	17
20	Denver	31
6	Cleveland	21
44	Cincinnati	27
20	St. Louis	10
23	Kansas City	20
0	Buffalo	20
7	Pittsburgh	30
37	San Diego	35
27	Cincinnati	45
14	New York Giants	35
21	Cleveland	28
16	Indianapolis	34

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INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Exp.	Coll.
57	Ahrens, Dave	LB	6-3	247	6	Wisconsin
2	Allegre, Raul	K	5-10	161	4	Texas
36	Anderson, Don	CB	5-10	185	2	Purdue
61	Bailey, Don	C	6-4	259	3	Miami
72	Baldschwiler, Karl	OT	6-5	273	8	Oklahoma
81	Beach, Pat	TE	6-4	242	4	Wash. St.
97	Benson, Charles	DE	6-3	267	5	Baylor
20	Bentley, Albert	RB	5-11	207	2	Miami
50	Bickett, Duane	LB	6-5	241	2	USC
85	Bouza, Matt	WR	6-3	212	5	California
84	Boyer, Mark	TE	6-4	233	2	USC
68	Broughton, Willie	DE	6-5	245	2	Miami
71	Call, Kevin	OT	6-7	283	3	Colo. St.
87	Capers, Wayne	WR	6-2	193	4	Kansas
67	Caron, Roger	OT	6-5	270	2	Harvard
31	Coleman, Leonard	CB	6-2	208	2	Vanderbilt
98	Cooks, Johnnie	LB	6-4	241	5	Miss. St.
38	Daniel, Eugene	CB	5-11	181	3	LSU
27	Davis, Preston	CB	5-11	173	3	Baylor
53	Donaldson, Ray	C	6-4	274	7	Georgia
44	Gill, Owen	FB	6-1	230	2	Iowa
25	Glasgow, Nesby	S	5-10	188	8	Wash.
26	Harbour, James	WR	6-0	192	2	Mississippi
75	Hinton, Chris	G	6-4	289	4	N'western
56	Hunley, Lamonte	LB	6-2	232	2	Arizona
63	Kirchner, Mark	OT	6-3	274	4	Baylor
12	Kofler, Matt	QB	6-3	192	5	S.Diego St.
55	Krauss, Barry	LB	6-3	246	8	Alabama
42	Lee, Keith	DB	5-11	193	6	Colo. St.

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Exp.	Coll.
59	Lowry, Orlando	LB	6-4	234	2	Ohio St.
88	Martin, Robbie	WR	5-8	177	6	Cal. Poly
49	McGregor, Keli	TE	6-6	250	2	Colo. St.
32	McMillan, Randy	FB	6-0	212	6	Pittsburgh
76	Mills, Jim	OT	6-9	282	4	Hawaii
80	Nichols, Ricky	WR	5-10	180	2	E. Car.
93	Odom, Cliff	LB	6-2	236	6	Tex.-Arl.
18	Pagel, Mike	QB	6-2	207	5	Ariz. St.
35	Randle, Tate	S	6-0	199	5	Texas Tech
95	Scott, Chris	DE	6-5	271	3	Purdue
83	Sherwin, Tim	TE	6-6	243	6	Bost. Coll.
91	Smith, Byron	DE	6-5	272	3	California
66	Solt, Ron	OG	6-3	273	3	Maryland
3	Stark, Rohn	P	6-3	202	5	Fla. St.
99	Thompson, Donnell	DE	6-5	262	6	N. C.
64	Utt, Ben	OG	6-5	276	5	Ga. Tech
94	Virkus, Scott	DE	6-5	279	3	S.F. C.C.
92	White, Brad	DT	6-2	253	6	Tennessee
96	Winter, Blaise	DE	6-3	295	3	Syracuse
86	Williams, Oliver	WR	6-3	191	2	Illinois
69	Wisniewski, Leo	NT	6-1	259	5	Penn. St.
34	Wonsley, George	RB	6-0	217	3	Miss. St.
37	Young, Anthony	SS	5-11	187	2	Temple

Head Coach: Rod Dowhower (NFL Record: 5-11)

1985 Data

Record: 5-11-0, 4th AFC East
 Total Offense: 312.9 yds. per game
 Total Defense: 349.9 yds. per game
 Scoring Offense: 20.0 ptpg.
 Scoring Defense: 24.1 ptpg.
 Leading Rusher: Randy McMillan, 858 yds., 7 TDs.
 Leading Passer: Mike Pagel, 199-394-15, 2414 yds., 14 TDs.
 Leading Receiver: Pat Beach, 36 ct., 376 yds., 6 TDs.

1985 RESULTS

3	Pittsburgh	45
13	Miami	30
14	Detroit	6
20	New York Jets	25
49	Buffalo	17
10	Denver	15
9	Buffalo	21
37	Green Bay	10
17	New York Jets	35
15	New England	34
20	Miami	34
7	Kansas City	20
31	New England	38
10	Chicago	17
31	Tampa Bay	23
34	Houston	16

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KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Exp.	Coll.
76	Alt, John	T	6-7	287	2	Iowa
6	Arnold, Jim	P	6-2	220	4	Vanderbilt
87	Arnold, Walt	TE	6-3	221	7	New Mex.
68	Auer, Scott	G-T	6-4	255	3	Mich. St.
77	Baldinger, Rich	G-T	6-4	281	4	Wk. Forest
99	Bell, Mike	DE	6-4	250	6	Colo. St.
14	Blackledge, Todd	QB	6-3	225	4	Penn. St.
57	Blanton, Jerry	ILB	6-1	229	8	Kentucky
66	Budde, Brad	G	6-4	268	6	USC
34	Burruss, Lloyd	SS	6-0	209	6	Maryland
88	Carson, Carlos	WR	5-11	182	7	LSU
20	Cherry, Deron	FS	5-11	196	6	Rutgers
22	Cocroft, Sherman	S	6-1	188	2	S. Jose St.
55	Cooper, Louis	OLB	6-2	235	2	W. Car.
50	Daniels, Calvin	OLB	6-3	241	5	N.C.
Donnalley, Rick	C-G	6-2	257	5	N.C.	
65	Fada, Rob	G	6-2	259	4	Pittsburgh
Green, Boyce	RB	5-11	215	4	Cars. New.	
90	Hamm, Bob	DE	6-4	263	3	Nev.-Reno
82	Hancock, Anthony	WR-KR	6-0	204	5	Tennessee
85	Hayes, Jonathan	TE	6-5	234	2	Iowa
44	Heard, Herman	RB	5-10	182	3	So. Colo.
60	Herkenhoff, Matt	T	6-4	286	11	Minnesota
23	Hill, Greg	CB	6-1	199	4	Okl. St.
93	Holle, Eric	DE-NT	6-4	258	3	Texas
32	Horton, Ethan	RB	6-3	228	2	N.C.
52	Jolly, Ken	OLB-ILB	6-2	220	3	Mid-A.Nz.
9	Kenney, Bill	QB	6-4	211	8	N. Colo.
46	King, Bruce	RB	6-1	219	2	Purdue
74	Koch, Pete	DE	6-6	265	3	Maryland

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Exp.	Coll.
41	Lane, Garcia	CB-KR	5-9	180	2	Ohio St.
29	Lewis, Albert	CB	6-2	192	4	Grambling
71	Lindstrom, Dave	DE	6-6	258	9	Boston U.
62	Lingner, Adam	C-G	6-4	260	4	Illinois
8	Lowery, Nick	PK	6-4	189	7	Dartmouth
72	Lutz, David	T	6-5	287	4	Ga. Tech
63	Maas, Bill	NT-DE	6-4	259	3	Pittsburgh
89	Marshall, Henry	WR	6-2	213	11	Missouri
94	McAlister, Ken	LB	6-5	237	4	San Fran.
64	Olderman, Bob	G	6-4	262	2	Virginia
83	Paige, Stephone	WR	6-2	191	4	Fresno St.
95	Paine, Jeff	OLB	6-2	224	3	Texas A&M
43	Pruitt, Mike	RB	6-0	225	11	Purdue
97	Radecic, Scott	ILB	6-3	246	3	Penn. St.
30	Robinson, Mark	S	5-10	206	3	Penn. St.
31	Ross, Kevin	CB	5-9	182	3	Temple
53	Rush, Bob	C	6-5	270	9	Mem. St.
81	Scott, Willie	TE	6-4	254	6	S.C.
70	Shields, Billy	T	6-8	284	12	Ga. Tech
80	Shorthose, George	WR-KR	6-0	198	2	Missouri
42	Smith, Jeff	RB-KR	6-2	185	2	Nebraska
59	Spani, Gary	ILB	6-2	229	9	Kansas St.
92	Stephens, Hal	DE	6-4	252	2	E. Car.
62	Still, Art	DE	6-7	257	8	Kentucky

Head Coach: John Mackovic (NFL Record: 20-28)

1985 Data

Record: 6-10-0, 5th AFC West
 Total Offense: 304.8 yds. per game
 Total Defense: 353.6 yds. per game
 Scoring Offense: 19.8 ptpg.
 Scoring Defense: 22.5 ptpg.
 Leading Rusher: Herman Heard, 595 yds., 4 TDs.
 Leading Passer: Bill Kenney, 181-338-9, 2536 yds., 17 TDs.
 Leading Receiver: Carlos Carson, 47 ct., 843 yds., 4 TDs.

1985 RESULTS

47	New Orleans	27
36	Los Angeles Raiders	20
0	Miami	31
28	Seattle	7
10	Los Angeles Raiders	19
20	San Diego	31
0	Los Angeles Rams	16
10	Denver	30
20	Houston	23
28	Pittsburgh	36
3	San Francisco	31
20	Indianapolis	7
6	Seattle	24
38	Atlanta	10
13	Denver	14
38	San Diego	34

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LOS ANGELES RAIDERS

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Exp.	Coll.
34	Adams, Stefan	CB	5-10	190	2	E. Car.
32	Allen, Marcus	RB	6-2	205	5	USC
10	Bahr, Chris	K	5-10	170	11	Penn St.
88	Barksdale, Rod	WR	6-1	185	2	Arizona
56	Barnes, Jeff	LB	6-2	230	10	California
76	Belcher, Kevin	T	6-5	285	2	Wisconsin
21	Branch, Cliff	WR	5-11	170	15	Colorado
46	Christensen, Todd	TE	6-3	230	8	BYU
50	Dalby, Dave	C	6-3	250	15	UCLA
79	Davis, Bruce	T	6-6	280	8	UCLA
82	Davis, Bruce	WR	5-8	160	2	Baylor
45	Davis, James	CB	6-0	200	5	Southern
36	Davis, Mike	S	6-3	205	9	Colorado
94	Franks, Elvis	DE	6-4	270	7	Morgan St.
8	Guy, Ray	P	6-3	200	14	So. Miss
67	Haden, Nick	C	6-2	260	2	Penn St.
73	Hannah, Charley	G	6-5	260	10	Alabama
27	Hawkins, Frank	RB	5-9	210	6	Nev.-Reno
37	Hayes, Lester	CB	6-0	200	10	Texas A&M
22	Haynes, Mike	CB	6-2	190	11	Ariz. St.
84	Hester, Jessie	WR	5-11	170	2	Fla. St.
12	Hilger, Rusty	QB	6-4	200	2	Okl. St.
31	Jensen, Derrick	RB	6-1	220	8	Texas-Arl.
18	Jensen, Russ	QB	6-2	215	2	Cal. Luth.
99	Jones, Sean	DE	6-7	275	3	N'eastern
74	Jordan, Shelby	T	6-7	280	10	Wash.(Mo)
87	Junkin, Trey	TE	6-2	225	4	La. Tech
90	Kimmel, Jamie	LB	6-3	235	2	Syracuse
33	King, Kenny	RB	5-11	205	8	Oklahoma
70	Lawrence, Henry	T	6-4	275	13	Fla. A&M
75	Long, Howie	DE	6-4	270	6	Villanova
60	Marsh, Curt	G	6-5	275	5	Wash.

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Exp.	Coll.
53	Martin, Rod	LB	6-2	225	10	USC
65	Marvin, Mickey	G	6-4	265	10	Tennessee
26	McElroy, Vann	S	6-2	195	5	Baylor
54	McKenzie, Reggie	LB	6-1	240	2	Tennessee
23	McKinney, Odis	S	6-2	190	9	Colorado
35	McSwain, Chuck	RB	6-0	195	3	Clemson
55	Millen, Matt	LB	6-2	245	7	Penn St.
83	Moffett, Tim	WR	6-1	175	2	Mississippi
28	Montgomery, Cle	WR	5-8	180	6	Abilene C.
72	Mosebar, Don	C	6-6	270	4	USC
51	Nelson, Bob	LB	6-4	235	10	Nebraska
81	Parker, Andy	TE	6-5	240	3	Utah
89	Pattison, Mark	WR	6-2	190	2	Wash.
71	Pickel, Bill	DT	6-5	260	4	Rutgers
16	Plunkett, Jim	QB	6-2	225	16	Stanford
57	Robinson, Jerry	LB	6-2	225	8	UCLA
69	Russell, Rusty	T	6-5	295	2	S.C.
43	Seale, Sam	CB	5-9	175	3	W.St.(Co.)
86	Smith, Jim	WR	6-2	195	8	Michigan
58	Squirek, Jack	LB	6-4	235	5	Illinois
39	Strachan, Steve	RB	6-1	215	2	Bost. Coll.
30	Toran, Stacey	S	6-2	200	3	Notre D.
93	Townsend, Greg	DE	6-3	250	4	TCU
68	Van Divier, Randy	T	6-5	290	3	Wash.
91	Van Pelt, Brad	LB	6-5	235	14	Mich. St.
41	Walker, Fulton	S	5-11	200	6	W. Va.
85	Williams, Dokie	WR	5-11	180	4	UCLA
98	Willis, Mitch	DT	6-7	275	2	SMU
6	Wilson, Marc	QB	6-6	205	7	BYU

Head Coach: Tom Flores (NFL Record: 78-38)

1985 Data

Record: 12-5-0 (includes playoffs), 1st AFC West
 Total Offense: 338.0 yds. per game
 Total Defense: 287.7 yds. per game
 Scoring Offense: 22.1 ptpg.
 Scoring Defense: 19.3 ptpg.
 Leading Rusher: Marcus Allen, 1759 yds., 11 TDs.
 Leading Passer: Marc Wilson, 193-388-21, 2608 yds., 16 TDs.
 Leading Receiver: Todd Christensen, 82 ct., 987 yds., 6 TDs.

1985 RESULTS

31	New York Jets	0
20	Kansas City	36
10	San Francisco	34
35	New England	20
19	Kansas City	10
23	New Orleans	13
21	Cleveland	20
34	San Diego	21
3	Seattle	33
34	San Diego	40
13	Cincinnati	6
31	Denver	28
34	Atlanta	24
17	Denver	14
13	Seattle	3
16	Los Angeles Rams	6
Playoffs:	20 New England	27

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LOS ANGELES RAMS

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Exp.	Coll.
52	Andrews, George	LB	6-3	225	8	Nebraska
62	Bain, Bill	T	6-4	285	12	USC
10	Bartkowski, Steve	QB	6-4	218	12	California
73	Bolinger, Russ	G	6-5	255	11	L. Bch. St.
34	Bradley, Danny	WR	5-9	178	2	Oklahoma
90	Brady, Ed	LB	6-2	235	3	Illinois
5	Brock, Dieter	QB	6-0	195	2	Jacksnvl.St.
89	Brown, Ron	WR	5-11	181	3	Ariz. St.
50	Collins, Jim	LB	6-2	235	6	Syracuse
21	Cromwell, Nolan	S	6-1	200	10	Kansas
70	DeJurnett, Charles	NT	6-4	260	11	S. Jose St.
29	Dickerson, Eric	RB	6-3	218	4	SMU
8	Dils, Steve	QB	6-1	191	8	Stanford
71	Doss, Reggie	DE	6-4	263	9	Hamp.Inst.
82	Duckworth, Bobby	WR	6-3	196	5	Arkansas
55	Ekern, Carl	LB	6-3	230	10	S. Jose St.
80	Ellard, Henry	WR	5-11	170	4	Fresno St.
48	Fox, Tim	S	5-11	186	11	Ohio St.
25	Gray, Jerry	CB	6-0	185	2	Texas
27	Green, Gary	CB	5-11	191	10	Baylor
91	Greene, Kevin	LB	6-3	238	2	Auburn
44	Guman, Mike	UB	6-2	218	7	Penn St.
60	Harrah, Dennis	G	6-5	265	12	Miami(Fl.)
26	Harris, Eric	S	6-3	202	7	Mem.St.
68	Harrison, Dennis	DE	6-8	280	9	Vanderbilt
3	Hatcher, Dale	P	6-2	200	2	Clemson
81	Hill, David	TE	6-2	240	11	Texas A&I
72	Hill, Kent	G	6-5	260	8	Ga. Tech
87	Hunter, Tony	TE	6-4	237	4	Notre D.
47	Irvin, LeRoy	CB	5-11	184	7	Kansas

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Exp.	Coll.
59	Jerue, Mark	LB	6-3	232	4	Wash.
77	Jeter, Gary	DE	6-4	260	10	USC
38	Johnson, Damone	TE	6-4	230	2	Cal.-Poly
20	Johnson, Johnnie	S	6-1	183	7	Texas
1	Lansford, Mike	PK	6-0	183	5	Wash.
57	Laughlin, Jim	LB	6-1	222	7	Ohio St.
79	Love, Duval	G	6-3	263	2	UCLA
83	McDonald, James	TE	6-5	245	4	USC
69	Meisner, Greg	NT	6-3	253	6	Pittsburgh
94	Meyer, John	DE	6-6	255	2	Ariz. St.
98	Miller, Shawn	NT	6-4	255	3	Utah St.
22	Newsome, Vince	S	6-1	179	4	Wash.
58	Owens, Mel	LB	6-2	224	6	Michigan
75	Pankey, Irv	T	6-4	267	7	Penn St.
43	Pleasant, Mike	CB	6-1	195	3	Oklahoma
30	Redden, Barry	RB	5-10	205	5	Richmond
93	Reed, Doug	DE	6-3	262	3	S. Diego St.
48	Scott, Chuck	WR	6-2	202	2	Vanderbilt
65	Shiner, Mike	OT	6-8	285	2	Notre D.
78	Slater, Jackie	T	6-4	271	11	Jackson St.
61	Slaton, Tony	C	6-4	265	3	USC
56	Smith, Doug	C	6-3	253	9	B. Green
51	Vann, Norwood	LB	6-1	225	3	E. Car.
33	White, Charles	RB	5-10	190	6	USC
54	Wilcher, Mike	LB	6-3	240	4	N.C.
88	Young, Michael	WR	6-1	185	2	UCLA

Head Coach: John Robinson (NFL Record: 32-21)

1985 Data

Record: 12-6-0 (includes playoffs), 1st NFC West
 Total Offense: 282.5 yds. per game
 Total Defense: 290.5 yds. per game
 Scoring Offense: 21.3 ptpg.
 Scoring Defense: 17.3 ptpg.
 Leading Rusher: Eric Dickerson, 1234 yds., 12 TDs.
 Leading Passer: Dieter Brock, 218-365-13, 2658 yds., 16 TDs.
 Leading Receiver: Henry Ellard, 54 ct., 811 yds., 5 TDs.

1985 RESULTS

20	Denver	16
17	Philadelphia	6
35	Seattle	24
17	Atlanta	6
13	Minnesota	10
31	Tampa Bay	27
16	Kansas City	0
14	San Francisco	28
28	New Orleans	10
19	New York Giants	24
14	Atlanta	30
34	Green Bay	17
3	New Orleans	29
27	San Francisco	20
46	St. Louis	14
6	Los Angeles Raiders	16
Playoffs:	20 Dallas	0
	0 Chicago	24

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MIAMI DOLPHINS

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Exp.	Coll.
70	Barnett, Bill	DE	6-4	260	7	Nebraska
73	Baumhower, Bob	DT	6-5	265	10	Alabama
34	Bennett, Woody	FB	6-2	225	8	Miami(Fl.)
75	Betters, Doug	DE	6-7	265	9	Nev.-Reno
47	Blackwood, Glenn	S	6-0	190	8	Texas
42	Blackwood, Lyle	S	6-1	190	14	TCU
58	Bokamper, Kim	DE	6-6	255	10	S. Jose St.
56	Bowser, Charles	LB	6-3	235	5	Duke
53	Brophy, Jay	LB	6-3	233	3	Miami(Fl.)
43	Brown, Bud	S	6-0	194	3	So. Miss.
51	Brown, Mark	LB	6-2	225	4	Purdue
59	Brudzinski, Bob	LB	6-4	223	10	Ohio St.
23	Carter, Joe	RB	5-11	198	3	Alabama
71	Charles, Mike	DT	6-4	285	4	Syracuse
76	Clark, Steve	G	6-4	255	5	Utah
83	Clayton, Mark	WR	5-9	175	4	Louisville
30	Davenport, Ron	FB	6-2	230	2	Louisville
65	Dellenbach, Jeff	OT	6-6	280	2	Wisconsin
85	Duper, Mark	WR	5-9	187	5	NW La. St.
61	Foster, Roy	G-T	6-4	275	5	USC
79	Giesler, Jon	T	6-5	260	8	Michigan
74	Green, Cleveland	T	6-3	262	8	Southern
55	Green, Hugh	LB	6-2	225	6	Pittsburgh
27	Hampton, Lorenzo	RB	6-0	212	2	Florida
24	Hanks, Duan	WR	6-0	180	2	S.F. Austin
84	Hardy, Bruce	TE	6-5	232	9	Ariz. St.
88	Heflin, Vince	WR	6-0	185	5	C. St. Oh
11	Jensen, Jim	WR	6-4	215	6	Boston U.
87	Johnson, Dan	TE	6-3	240	4	Iowa St.
49	Judson, William	CB	6-1	190	5	S.C. State

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Exp.	Coll.
40	Kozlowski, Mike	S	6-1	198	7	Colorado
44	Lankford, Paul	CB	6-2	184	5	Penn St.
63	Lee, Larry	GC	6-2	263	6	UCLA
72	Lee, Ronnie	G	6-4	265	8	Baylor
99	Little, George	DT	6-4	278	2	Iowa
13	Marino, Dan	QB	6-4	214	4	Pittsburgh
28	McNeal, Don	CB	5-11	192	6	Alabama
91	Moore, Mack	DE	6-4	258	2	Texas A&M
89	Moore, Nat	WR	5-9	188	13	Florida
54	Moyer, Alex	LB	6-1	221	2	N'western
22	Nathan, Tony	RB	6-0	206	8	Alabama
64	Newman, Ed	G	6-2	255	14	Duke
9	Pisarcik, Joe	QB	6-4	220	10	N. Mex St.
7	Reveiz, Fuad	PK	5-11	222	2	Tennessee
4	Roby, Reggie	P	6-2	243	4	Iowa
80	Rose, Joe	TE	6-3	230	7	California
52	Sendlein, Robin	LB	6-3	225	6	Texas
50	Shipp, Jackie	LB	6-2	236	3	Oklahoma
18	Smith, Mike	CB	6-0	171	2	Texas-E.P
45	Sowell, Robert	CB	5-11	175	4	Howard
57	Stephenson, Dwight	TE	6-2	255	7	Alabama
10	Strock, Don	QB	6-5	220	13	Va. Tech
60	Toews, Jeff	G-C	6-3	255	8	Wash.
32	Vigorito, Tom	WR	5-10	190	4	Virginia

Head Coach: Don Shula (NFL Record: 255-99-6)

1985 Data

Record: 13-5-0 (includes playoffs), 1st AFC East
 Total Offense: 365.2 yds. per game
 Total Defense: 360.4 yds. per game
 Scoring Offense: 26.8 ptpg.
 Scoring Defense: 20.0 ptpg.
 Leading Rusher: Tony Nathan, 667 yds., 5 TDs.
 Leading Passer: Dan Marino, 336-567-21, 4137 yds., 30 TDs.
 Leading Receiver: Tony Nathan, 72 ct., 651 yds., 1 TD.

1985 RESULTS

23	Houston	26
30	Indianapolis	13
31	Kansas City	0
30	Denver	26
24	Pittsburgh	20
7	New York Jets	23
41	Tampa Bay	38
21	Detroit	31
13	New England	17
21	New York Jets	17
34	Indianapolis	20
23	Buffalo	14
38	Chicago	24
34	Green Bay	24
30	New England	27
28	Buffalo	0
Playoffs: 24	Cleveland	21
14	New England	31

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MINNESOTA VIKINGS

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Exp.	Coll.
46	Anderson, Alfred	RB	6-1	213	3	Baylor
58	Ashley, Walker Lee	LB	6-0	231	4	Penn St.
21	Bess, Rufus	CB	5-9	187	8	S.C. State
59	Blair, Matt	LB	6-5	239	13	Iowa St.
13	Bono, Steve	QB	6-3	211	2	UCLA
62	Boyd, Brent	G	6-3	275	6	UCLA
23	Brown, Ted	RB	5-10	206	8	N.C. State
47	Browner, Joey	S	6-2	205	4	USC
84	Carroll, Jay	TE	6-4	230	3	Minnesota
81	Carter, Anthony	WR	5-11	162	2	Michigan
8	Coleman, Greg	P	6-0	180	10	Fla. A&M
56	Doleman, Chris	LB	6-5	250	2	Pittsburgh
73	Elshire, Neil	DE	6-6	261	6	Oregon
64	Feasel, Grant	T	6-8	278	4	Abilene C.
50	Fowlkes, Dennis	LB	6-2	236	4	W. Va.
80	Gustafson, Jim	WR	6-1	185	2	St. Thomas
61	Hamilton, Wes	G	6-3	267	11	Tulsa
30	Holt, Issiac	CB	6-1	197	2	Alcorn St.
51	Hough, Jim	C	6-2	268	9	Utah State
99	Howard, David	LB	6-2	225	2	L. Bch. St.
72	Huffman, David	G	6-6	255	7	Notre D.
76	Irwin, Tim	T	6-7	288	6	Tennessee
89	Jones, Mike	WR	5-11	180	4	Tenn. St.
83	Jordan, Steve	TE	6-3	231	5	Brown
9	Kramer, Tommy	QB	6-2	202	10	Rice
39	Lee, Carl	DB	5-11	185	4	Marshall
87	Lewis, Leo	WR	5-8	172	6	Missouri
63	Lowdermilk, Kirk	C	6-3	265	2	Ohio St.
71	MacDonald, Mark	G	6-4	267	2	Bost. Coll.
57	Martin, Chris	LB	6-2	230	4	Auburn

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Exp.	Coll.
79	Martin, Doug	DE	6-3	255	7	Wash.
53	Meamber, Tim	LB	6-3	228	2	Wash.
75	Millard, Keith	DE	6-6	260	2	Wash St.
35	Morrell, Kyle	S	6-1	189	2	BYU
86	Mularkey, Mike	TE	6-4	233	4	Florida
77	Mullaney, Mark	DE	6-6	242	12	Colo. St.
20	Nelson, Darrin	RB	5-9	185	5	Stanford
96	Newton, Tim	NT	6-0	302	2	Florida
49	Nord, Keith	S	6-0	188	7	St. Cloud
88	Rhymes, Buster	WR	6-1	212	2	Oklahoma
36	Rice, Allen	RB	5-10	198	3	Baylor
28	Rosnagle, Ted	S	6-3	202	2	Portland
68	Rouse, Curtis	G-T	6-3	318	5	Tn.-Chatt.
74	Smith, Robert	DE	6-5	245	2	Grambling
55	Studwell, Scott	LB	6-2	231	10	Illinois
67	Swilley, Dennis	C	6-3	245	9	Texas A&M
66	Tausch, Terry	T	6-5	270	5	Texas
37	Teal, Willie	CB	5-10	192	7	LSU
27	Turner, John	CB	6-0	199	9	Miami(Fl.)
85	White, Sammy	WR	5-11	200	11	Grambling
11	Wilson, Wade	QB	6-3	210	6	E. Tex. St.

Head Coach: Jerry Burns (NFL Record: 0-0)

1985 Data

Record: 7-9-0, 3rd NFC Central
 Total Offense: 321.9 yds. per game
 Total Defense: 341.5 yds. per game
 Scoring Offense: 21.6 ptpg.
 Scoring Defense: 22.4 ptpg.
 Leading Rusher: Darrin Nelson, 893 yds., 5 TDs.
 Leading Passer: Tommy Kramer, 277-506-26, 3522 yds., 19 TDs.
 Leading Receiver: Steve Jordan, 68 ct., 795 yds., 0 TDs.

1985 RESULTS

28	San Francisco	21
31	Tampa Bay	16
24	Chicago	33
27	Buffalo	20
10	Los Angeles Rams	13
17	Green Bay	20
21	San Diego	17
9	Chicago	27
16	Detroit	13
17	Green Bay	27
21	Detroit	41
23	New Orleans	30
28	Philadelphia	23
26	Tampa Bay	7
13	Atlanta	14
35	Philadelphia	37

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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Exp.	Coll.	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Exp.	Coll.
85	Adams, Julius	DE	6-3	270	16	Texas So.	86	Morgan, Stanley	WR	5-11	181	10	Tennessee
55	Blackmon, Don	LB	6-3	235	6	Tulsa	75	Morris, Guy	C-G	6-4	255	14	TCU
28	Bowman, Jim	S	6-2	210	2	C. Mich.	57	Nelson, Steve	LB	6-2	230	13	N.D. State
58	Brock, Pete	C	6-5	275	11	Colorado	98	Owens, Dennis	NT	6-1	258	5	N.C. State
3	Camarillo, Rich	P	5-11	185	6	Wash.	18	Phelan, Gerard	WR	6-0	190	2	Bost. Coll.
26	Clayborn, Raymond	CB	6-0	186	10	Texas	70	Plunkett, Art	T	6-7	260	6	Nev.-L.V.
33	Collins, Tony	HB	5-11	212	6	E. Car.	88	Ramsey, Derrick	TE	6-5	235	9	Kentucky
92	Creswell, Smiley	DE	6-4	251	2	Mich. St.	12	Ramsey, Tom	QB	6-1	189	2	UCLA
87	Dawson, Lin	TE	6-3	240	6	N.C. State	52	Rembert, Johnny	LB	6-3	234	4	Clemson
11	Eason, Tony	QB	6-4	212	4	Illinois	95	Reynolds, Ed	LB	6-5	230	4	Virginia
66	Fairchild, Paul	G	6-4	270	3	Kansas	41	Robinson, Bo	TE-FB	6-2	225	8	W.Tex.St.
1	Franklin, Tony	K	5-8	182	8	Texas A&M	77	Sims, Kenneth	DE	6-5	271	5	Texas
80	Fryar, Irving	WR-KR	6-0	200	3	Nebraska	81	Starring, Stephen	WR-KR	5-10	172	4	McN'se St.
43	Gibson, Ernest	DB	5-10	185	3	Furman	30	Tatupu, Mosi	FB	6-0	227	9	USC
14	Grogan, Steve	QB	6-4	210	12	Kansas St.	99	Thomas, Ben	DE	6-4	280	2	Auburn
68	Haley, Darryl	T	6-4	265	5	Utah	56	Tippett, Andre	LB	6-3	241	5	Iowa
73	Hannah, John	G	6-3	265	14	Alabama	74	Toth, Tom	T	6-5	275	2	W. Mich.
27	Hawthorne, Greg	WR-HB	6-2	225	8	Baylor	60	Veris, Garin	DE	6-4	255	2	Stanford
76	Holloway, Brian	T	6-7	288	6	Stanford	24	Weathers, Robert	RB	6-2	222	5	Ariz. St.
51	Ingram, Brian	LB	6-4	235	5	Tennessee	53	Weishuhn, Clayton	LB	6-1	218	4	Angelo St.
32	James, Craig	FB	6-0	215	3	SMU	82	Williams, Derwin	WR	6-0	170	2	New Mex.
38	James, Roland	SS	6-2	191	7	Tennessee	54	Williams, Ed	LB	6-4	244	3	Texas
83	Jones, Cedric	WR	6-1	184	5	Duke	44	Williams, Jonathan	RB	5-9	205	3	Penn St.
36	Jordan, Eric	RB-KR	6-0	190	2	Purdue	72	Williams, Lester	NT	6-3	272	5	Miami(Fl.)
42	Lippett, Ronnie	CB	5-11	180	4	Miami(Fl.)	90	Williams, Toby	DE	6-3	254	4	Nebraska
31	Marion, Fred	FS	6-2	191	5	Miami(Fl.)	61	Wooten, Ron	G	6-4	273	5	N.C.
64	Matich, Trevor	C	6-4	270	2	BYU							
50	McGrew, Larry	LB	6-5	233	6	USC							
23	McSwain, Rod	CB	6-1	198	3	Clemson							
67	Moore, Steve	G-T	6-4	285	4	Tenn. St.							

Head Coach: Raymond Berry (NFL Record: 18-9)

1985 Data

Record: 14-5-0 (includes playoffs), T2nd AFC East
 Total Offense: 343.7 yds. per game
 Total Defense: 294.6 yds. per game
 Scoring Offense: 22.6 ptpg.
 Scoring Defense: 18.1 ptpg.
 Leading Rusher: Craig James, 1,227 yds., 5 TDs.
 Leading Passer: Tony Eason, 299-168-11, 2156 yds., 11 TDs.
 Leading Receiver: Tony Collins, 52 ct., 549 yds., 2 TDs.

1985 RESULTS

26	Green Bay	20
7	Chicago	20
17	Buffalo	14
20	Los Angeles Raiders	35
20	Cleveland	24
14	Buffalo	3
20	New York Jets	13
32	Tampa Bay	14
17	Miami	13
34	Indianapolis	15
20	Seattle	13
13	New York Jets (OT)	16
38	Indianapolis	31
23	Detroit	6
27	Miami	30
34	Cincinnati	23
26	New York Jets	14
27	Los Angeles Raiders	20
31	Miami	14
10	Chicago	46

Playoffs:

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NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Exp.	Coll.	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Exp.	Coll.
7	Andersen, Morten	K	6-2	205	5	Mich. St.	84	Martin, Eric	WR	6-1	195	2	LSU
22	Anthony, Tyrone	HB	5-11	212	3	N.C.	39	Maxie, Brett	DB	6-2	190	2	Texas So.
37	Bennett, Rob	TE	6-5	250	2	W. Va.	19	Merkens, Guido	QB-WR	6-1	197	9	Sam H. St.
85	Brenner, Hoby	TE	6-4	245	6	USC	80	Miller, Mike	WR	6-0	183	3	Tennessee
67	Brock, Stan	T	6-6	288	7	Colorado	51	Paul, Whitney	LB	6-3	218	11	Colorado
35	Campbell, Earl	HB	5-11	233	9	Texas	53	Pelluer, Scott	LB	6-2	227	6	Wash. St.
75	Clark, Bruce	DE	6-3	281	5	Penn St.	71	Perot, Petey	G	6-2	271	7	NW La. St.
68	Clark, Kelvin	G	6-3	273	8	Nebraska	25	Poe, Johnnie	CB	6-1	194	6	Missouri
50	Del Rio, Jack	LB	6-4	235	2	USC	47	Rackley, David	CB	5-9	172	2	Texas So.
63	Edelman, Brad	G	6-6	262	5	Missouri	58	Redd, Glen	LB	6-1	231	5	BYU
99	Elliott, Tony	NT	6-2	300	5	N.Tex.St.	70	Rourke, Jim	T	6-5	263	7	Boston
43	Fowler, Bobby	FB	6-2	230	2	La. Tech.	65	Schreiber, Adam	G	6-4	270	3	Texas
46	Gajan, Hokie	FB	5-11	226	5	LSU	82	Tice, John	TE	6-5	243	4	Maryland
20	Gary, Russell	SS	5-11	196	6	Nebraska	14	Todd, Richard	QB	6-2	212	11	Alabama
97	Geathers, James	DE	6-7	267	3	Wichita St.	54	Toles, Alvin	LB	6-1	211	2	Tennessee
77	Gilbert, Daren	T	6-6	285	2	Cal. St. Ful.	26	Tullis, Willie	CB	6-0	190	6	Troy St.
88	Goodlow, Eugene	WR	6-2	181	4	Kansas St.	42	Walker, Dwight	WR	5-9	189	4	Nicholls
86	Groth, Jeff	WR	5-10	181	8	B. Green	73	Warren, Frank	DE	6-4	278	6	Auburn
10	Hansen, Brian	P	6-3	218	3	Sioux Falls	49	Wattelet, Frank	FS	6-0	185	6	Kansas
87	Hardy, Larry	TE	6-3	246	9	Jackson St.	44	Waymer, Dave	CB	6-1	188	7	Notre D.
92	Haynes, James	LB	6-2	227	3	Miss. Val.	17	Wheeler, Jerry	WR	6-0	190	2	NW La. St.
3	Hebert, Bobby	QB	6-4	215	2	NW La. St.	94	Wilks, Jim	DE	6-5	265	6	S. Diego St.
61	Hilgenberg, Joel	C-G	6-3	253	3	Iowa	79	Williams, Ralph	T	6-3	270	3	Southern
24	Hoage, Terry	SS	6-3	199	3	Georgia	18	Wilson, Dave	QB	6-1	188	5	Notre D.
57	Jackson, Rickey	LB	6-2	239	6	Pittsburgh	30	Wilson, Wayne	HB	6-3	220	8	Shepherd
21	Johnson, Earl	CB	6-0	190	2	S.C.	89	Young, Tyrone	WR	6-6	192	3	Florida
23	Jordan, Buford	RB	6-0	218	2	McN'se St.							
55	Kohlbrand, Joe	LB	6-4	242	2	Miami							
60	Korte, Steve	C	6-2	271	4	Arkansas							
64	Lafary, Dave	T	6-7	285	9	Purdue							

Head Coach: Jim Mora (NFL Record: 0-0)

1985 Data

Record: 5-11-0, 3rd NFC West
 Total Offense: 279.9 yds. per game
 Total Defense: 363.4 yds. per game
 Scoring Offense: 18.4 ptpg.
 Scoring Defense: 25.1 ptpg.
 Leading Rusher: Wayne Wilson, 645 yds., 1 TD.
 Leading Passer: Dave Wilson, 145-293-15, 1843 yds., 11 TDs.
 Leading Receiver: Hoby Brenner, 42 ct., 652 yds., 3 TDs.

1985 RESULTS

27	Kansas City	47
23	Denver	34
20	Tampa Bay	13
20	San Francisco	17
23	Philadelphia	21
13	Los Angeles Raiders	23
24	Atlanta	31
13	New York Giants	21
10	Los Angeles Rams	28
3	Seattle	27
14	Green Bay	38
30	Minnesota	23
29	Los Angeles Rams	3
16	St. Louis	28
19	San Francisco	31
10	Atlanta	16

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NEW YORK GIANTS

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Exp.	Coll.
33	Adams, George	RB	6-1	225	2	Kentucky
67	Ard, Bill	G	6-3	270	6	Wk. Forest
58	Banks, Carl	LB	6-4	235	3	Mich. St.
89	Bavaro, Mark	TE	6-4	245	2	Notre D.
60	Benson, Brad	T	6-3	270	9	Penn St.
64	Burt, Jim	NT	6-1	260	6	Miami(Fl.)
26	Carpenter, Rob	RB	6-1	226	10	Miami(Oh.)
53	Carson, Harry	LB	6-2	240	11	S.C. State
44	Carthon, Maurice	RB	6-1	225	2	Ark. St.
29	Currier, Bill	S	6-0	196	10	S.C.
24	Daniel, Kenny	CB	5-10	180	3	S. Jose St.
39	Davis, Ty	CB	6-1	190	2	Clemson
30	Galbreath, Tony	RB	6-0	228	11	Missouri
61	Godfrey, Chris	G	6-3	265	4	Michigan
62	Goode, Conrad	T	6-6	285	3	Missouri
6	Haji-Sheikh, Ali	PK	6-0	170	4	Michigan
79	Hardison, Dee	DE	6-4	274	9	N.C.
85	Hasselbeck, Don	TE	6-7	245	9	Colorado
54	Headen, Andy	LB	6-5	242	4	Clemson
48	Hill, Kenny	S	6-0	195	6	Yale
15	Hostetler, Jeff	QB	6-3	212	3	W. Va.
57	Hunt, Byron	LB	6-5	242	6	SMU
88	Johnson, Bob	WR	5-11	171	3	Kansas
77	Johnson, Damien	T	6-5	290	2	Kansas St.
	Johnston, Brian	C	6-3	275	2	N.C.
51	Jones, Robbie	LB	6-2	230	3	Alabama
69	Jordan, David	G	6-6	276	3	Auburn
43	Kinard, Terry	S	6-1	200	4	Clemson
72	King, Gordon	T	6-6	275	9	Stanford
5	Landeta, Sean	P	6-0	200	2	Towson St.

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Exp.	Coll.
86	Manuel, Lionel	WR	5-11	175	3	Pacific
70	Marshall, Leonard	DE	6-3	285	4	LSU
75	Martin, George	DE	6-4	255	12	Oregon
80	McConkey, Phil	WR	5-10	170	3	Navy
76	McGriff, Curtis	DE	6-5	276	7	Alabama
71	Merrill, Casey	DE	6-4	258	8	Cal-Davis
20	Morris, Joe	RB	5-7	195	5	Syracuse
84	Mowatt, Zeke	TE	6-3	240	4	Fla. St.
63	Nelson, Karl	T	6-6	285	3	Iowa State
65	Oates, Bart	C	6-3	265	2	BYU
34	Patterson, Elvis	CB	5-11	188	3	Kansas
55	Reasons, Gary	LB	6-4	234	3	NW La. St.
81	Robinson, Stacy	WR	5-11	186	2	N.D. State
66	Roberts, William	T	6-5	280	3	Ohio St.
22	Rouson, Lee	RB	6-1	210	2	Colorado
17	Rutledge, Jeff	QB	6-1	195	8	Alabama
78	Sally, Jerome	NT	6-3	270	5	Missouri
3	Schubert, Eric	PK	5-8	193	2	Pittsburgh
11	Simms, Phil	QB	6-3	214	8	M'head St.
56	Taylor, Lawrence	LB	6-3	243	6	N.C.
21	Watts, Ted	CB	6-0	190	6	Texas Tech
27	Welch, Herb	DB	5-11	180	2	UCLA
87	Williams, Byron	WR	6-2	183	4	Texas-Arl.
23	Williams, Perry	CB	6-2	203	3	N.C. State
28	Winters, Larry	DB	6-1	210	2	St. Paul's

Head Coach: Bill Parcells (NFL Record: 24-27-1)

1985 Data

Record: 11-7-0 (includes playoffs), 2nd NFC East
 Total Offense: 367.8 yds. per game
 Total Defense: 270.0 yds. per game
 Scoring Offense: 24.9 ptpg.
 Scoring Defense: 17.7 ptpg.
 Leading Rusher: Joe Morris, 1336 yds., 21 TDs.
 Leading Passer: Phil Simms, 275-495-20, 3829 yds., 22 TDs.
 Leading Receiver: Lionel Manuel, 49 ct., 859 yds., 5 TDs.

1985 RESULTS

21	Philadelphia	0
20	Green Bay	23
27	St. Louis	17
16	Philadelphia	10
29	Dallas	30
30	Cincinnati	35
17	Washington	3
21	New Orleans	13
22	Tampa Bay	20
24	Los Angeles Rams	19
21	Washington	23
34	St. Louis	3
33	Cleveland	35
35	Houston	14
21	Dallas	28
28	Pittsburgh	10
Playoffs: 17	San Francisco	3
0	Chicago	21

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NEW YORK JETS

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Exp.	Coll.
60	Alexander, Dan	G	6-4	260	10	LSU
95	Baldwin, Tom	DT	6-4	275	3	Tulsa
63	Banker, Ted	T-G-C	6-2	255	3	SE M'souri
31	Barber, Marion	FB	6-2	224	5	Minnesota
78	Bennett, Barry	DT	6-4	260	9	Concordia
54	Benson, Troy	LB	6-2	227	2	Pittsburgh
64	Bingham, Guy	T-G-C	6-3	255	7	Montana
28	Blinn, Dennis	RB	5-11	209	3	St. John's
27	Carter, Russell	S-CB	6-2	195	3	SMU
59	Clifton, Kyle	LB	6-4	233	3	TCU
50	Crable, Bob	LB	6-3	228	5	Notre D.
86	Dennison, Glenn	TE	6-3	225	3	Miami
37	Elder, Donnie	CB	5-9	175	2	Mem. St.
65	Fields, Joe	C	6-2	253	12	Widener
38	Flowers, Larry	S	6-1	190	6	Texas Tech
99	Gastineau, Mark	DE	6-5	265	8	E.C. Okla.
35	Glenn, Kerry	CB	5-9	175	2	Minnesota
81	Griggs, Billy	TE	6-3	230	2	Virginia
94	Guilbeau, Rusty	LB	6-4	237	5	McN'se St.
61	Gunter, Greg	C	6-3	265	2	C.W. Post
39	Hamilton, Harry	S	6-0	193	3	Penn St.
34	Hector, Johnny	RB	5-11	197	4	Texas A&M
28	Howard, Carl	CB	6-2	177	3	Rutgers
84	Humphery, Bobby	WR-KR	5-10	180	3	N. Mex. St.
40	Jackson, Bobby	CB	5-10	180	9	Fla. St.
55	Jackson, Charles	LB	6-2	224	9	Wash.
13	Jennings, Dave	P	6-4	200	13	St. Law.
80	Jones, Johnny	WR	5-11	180	7	Texas
73	Klecko, Joe	DT-DE	6-3	263	10	Temple
89	Klever, Rocky	TE	6-3	225	4	Montana

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Exp.	Coll.
5	Leahy, Pat	K	6-0	193	13	St. Louis
90	Luft, Brian	DE	6-6	263	2	USC
26	Lyles, Lester	LB-S	6-3	209	2	Virginia
29	Lynn, Johnny	CB-S	6-0	198	7	UCLA
93	Lyons, Marty	DE-DT	6-5	269	8	Alabama
68	McElroy, Reggie	T	6-6	270	4	W.Tex.St.
24	McNeil, Freeman	RB	5-11	212	6	UCLA
56	Mehl, Lance	LB	6-3	233	7	Penn St.
36	Miano, Rich	S	6-0	200	2	Hawaii
58	Monger, Matt	LB	6-1	235	2	Okla. St.
20	Mullen, Davlin	CB-KR	6-1	177	4	W. K'tucky
7	O'Brien, Ken	QB	6-4	208	4	Cal-Davis
49	Paige, Tony	FB	5-10	220	3	Va. Tech
76	Rudolph, Ben	DE	6-5	271	6	L. Bch. St.
10	Ryan, Pat	QB	6-3	210	9	Tennessee
82	Shuler, Mickey	TE	6-3	231	9	Penn St.
87	Sohn, Kurt	WR	5-11	180	5	Fordham
21	Springs, Kirk	S-KR	6-0	197	6	Miami(Oh.)
53	Sweeney, Jim	G-C	6-4	266	3	Pittsburgh
88	Toon, Al	WR	6-4	200	2	Wisconsin
83	Townsell, Jojo	WR	5-9	180	2	UCLA
70	Waldemore, Stan	G-T-C	6-4	269	9	Nebraska
85	Walker, Wesley	WR	6-0	182	10	California

Head Coach: Joe Walton (NFL Record: 25-23)

1985 Data

Record: 11-6-0 (includes playoffs), T2nd AFC East
 Total Offense: 368.5 yds. per game
 Total Defense: 298.2 yds. per game
 Scoring Offense: 24.6 ptpg.
 Scoring Defense: 16.5 ptpg.
 Leading Rusher: Freeman McNeil, 1331 yds., 3 TDs.
 Leading Passer: Ken O'Brien, 297-488-8, 3888 yds., 25 TDs.
 Leading Receiver: Mickey Shuler, 76 ct., 879 yds., 7 TDs.

1985 RESULTS

0	Los Angeles Raiders	31
42	Buffalo	3
24	Green Bay	3
25	Indianapolis	20
29	Cincinnati	20
23	Miami	7
13	New England	20
17	Seattle	14
35	Indianapolis	17
17	Miami	21
62	Tampa Bay	28
16	New England	13
20	Detroit	31
27	Buffalo	7
6	Chicago	19
37	Cleveland	10
Playoffs: 14	New England	26

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PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Exp.	Coll.
72	Allen, Kevin	T	6-5	284	2	Indiana
80	Baker, Keith	WR	5-10	185	2	Texas So.
63	Baker, Ron	G	6-4	274	9	Okla. St.
98	Brown, Greg	DE	6-5	265	6	Kansas St.
6	Cavanaugh, Matt	QB	6-2	212	9	Pittsburgh
71	Clarke, Ken	DT	6-2	272	9	Syracuse
50	Cobb, Garry	LB	6-2	228	8	USC
21	Cooper, Evan	DB-PR	5-11	184	3	Michigan
12	Cunningham, Randall	QB	6-4	192	2	Nev.-L.V.
94	Darby, Byron	DE	6-4	262	4	USC
99	Drake, Joe	DT	6-2	290	2	Arizona
46	Edwards, Herman	CB	6-0	194	10	S.Diego St.
24	Ellis, Ray	SS	6-1	196	6	Ohio St.
39	Everett, Major	RB	5-11	218	4	Miss. Coll.
67	Feehery, Gerry	C	6-2	270	4	Syracuse
29	Foules, Elbert	CB	5-11	185	4	Alcorn St.
86	Garrity, Gregg	WR	5-10	169	4	Penn. St.
84	Goode, John	TE	6-2	243	3	Y'town St.
26	Haddix, Michael	FB	6-2	227	4	Miss. St.
48	Hopkins, Wes	FS	6-1	212	4	SMU
2	Horan, Michael	P	5-11	190	3	L. Bch. St.
36	Hunter, Herman	RB-KR	6-1	193	2	Tenn. St.
41	Jackson, Earnest	RB	5-9	208	4	Texas A&M
81	Jackson, Kenny	WR	6-0	177	3	Penn. St.
7	Jaworski, Ron	QB	6-2	199	13	Y'town St.
77	Jelesky, Tom	T	6-6	275	2	Purdue
53	Jiles, Dwayne	LB	6-4	242	2	Texas Tech
85	Johnson, Ron	WR	6-3	186	2	L. Bch. St.
73	Kenney, Steve	G	6-4	274	7	Clemson
54	Kimmel, Jon	LB	6-4	240	2	Colgate

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Exp.	Coll.
52	Kraynak, Rich	LB	6-1	230	4	Pittsburgh
89	Little, Dave	TE	6-2	232	3	Mid-Tenn.
8	McFadden, Paul	K	5-11	163	3	Y'town St.
74	Mitchell, Leonard	T	6-7	295	6	Houston
69	Morris, Dwaine	DE	6-2	255	2	S.W. La.
76	Naron, Greg	G	6-4	270	2	N. C.
38	Penaranda, Jairo	RB	6-0	218	3	UCLA
57	Polley, Tom	LB	6-3	242	2	Nev.-L.V.
82	Quick, Mike	WR	6-2	190	5	N. C. State
66	Reeves, Ken	T-G	6-5	268	2	Texas A&M
55	Reichenbach, Mike	LB	6-2	238	3	E. S'burg
95	Schulz, Jody	LB	6-3	240	4	E. Car.
88	Spagnola, John	TE	6-4	238	7	Yale
93	Strauthers, Thomas	DE	6-4	264	4	Jackson St.
20	Waters, Andre	CB	5-11	185	3	Cheyney
91	White, Reggie	DT	6-5	285	2	Tennessee
22	Wilson, Brenard	S	6-0	185	8	Vanderbilt
43	Young, Roynell	CB	6-1	185	7	Alcorn St.

Head Coach: Buddy Ryan (NFL Record: 0-0)

1985 Data

Record: 7-9-0, 4th NFC East
 Total Offense: 326.0 yds. per game
 Total Defense: 320.9 yds. per game
 Scoring Offense: 17.9 ptpg.
 Scoring Defense: 19.4 ptpg.
 Leading Rusher: Earnest Jackson, 1028 yds., 5 TDs.
 Leading Passer: Ron Jaworski, 255-484-20, 3450 yds., 17 TDs.
 Leading Receiver: Mike Quick, 73 ct., 1247 yds., 11 TDs.

1985 RESULTS

0	New York Giants	21
6	Los Angeles Rams	17
19	Washington	6
10	New York Giants	16
21	New Orleans	23
30	St. Louis	7
16	Dallas	14
21	Buffalo	17
13	San Francisco	24
23	Atlanta	17
24	St. Louis	14
17	Dallas	34
23	Minnesota	28
12	Washington	17
14	San Diego	20
37	Minnesota	35

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PITTSBURGH STEELERS

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Exp.	Coll.
34	Abercrombie, Walter	RB	6-0	208	5	Baylor
1	Anderson, Gary	PK	5-11	174	5	Syracuse
66	Behning, Mark	OT	6-6	291	2	Nebraska
71	Boures, Emil	G-C	6-1	260	5	Pittsburgh
23	Brown, Chris	CB	6-0	205	3	Notre D.
10	Campbell, Scott	QB	6-0	194	3	Purdue
91	Carr, Gregg	LB	6-1	216	2	Auburn
78	Catano, Mark	NT-DT	6-3	267	3	Valdosta St.
33	Clayton, Harvey	CB	5-9	179	4	Fla. St.
56	Cole, Robin	LB	6-2	225	10	New Mex.
89	Cunningham, Bennie	TE	6-5	260	11	Clemson
67	Dunn, Gary	NT	6-3	275	10	Miami(Fl.)
42	Edwards, Dave	SS	6-0	192	2	Illinois
24	Erenberg, Rich	RB-KR	5-10	195	3	Colgate
92	Gary, Keith	DE	6-3	265	4	Oklahoma
95	Goodman, John	DE-NT	6-6	258	6	Oklahoma
86	Gothard, Preston	TE	6-4	237	2	Alabama
68	Graham, Russell	OT	6-4	256	2	Okla. St.
53	Hinkle, Bryan	LB	6-2	218	5	Oregon
29	Hooper, Dwayne	RB	6-0	219	2	Rutgers
62	Ilkin, Tunch	OT	6-3	262	7	Ind. St.
48	Jacobs, Cam	LB	6-1	225	2	Kentucky
90	Kohrs, Bob	LB	6-3	235	6	Ariz. St.
83	Lipps, Louis	WR-KR	5-10	185	3	So. Miss.
50	Little, David	LB	6-1	238	6	Florida
74	Long, Terry	G	5-11	265	3	E. Car.
16	Malone, Mark	QB	6-4	220	7	Ariz. St.
57	Merriweather, Mike	LB	6-2	216	5	Pacific
47	Morse, Steve	RB	5-11	211	2	Virginia
11	Murphy, Dave	WR	6-2	201	2	Juniaata

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Exp.	Coll.
64	Nelson, Edmund	DE-DT	6-3	277	5	Auburn
18	Newsome, Harry	P	6-0	185	2	Wk. Forest
65	Pinney, Ray	OT-C	6-4	262	8	Wash.
80	Pokorny, Frank	WR	6-0	205	2	Y'town St.
30	Pollard, Frank	RB	5-10	223	7	Baylor
60	Rasmussen, Randy	G-C	6-1	254	3	Minnesota
63	Rostosky, Pete	OT	6-4	252	3	Conn.
31	Shell, Donnie	SS	5-11	198	13	S.C. State
99	Sims, Darryl	DE	6-3	265	2	Wisconsin
54	Small, Fred	LB	5-11	230	2	Wash.
82	Stallworth, John	WR	6-2	202	13	Ala. A&M
26	Swain, John	CB	6-1	192	6	Miami(Fl.)
85	Sweeney, Calvin	WR	6-2	202	7	USC
87	Thompson, Weegie	WR	6-6	209	3	Fla. St.
25	Tuggle, Anthony	S-CB	6-1	210	2	Nicholls
51	Turk, Dan	C	6-4	270	2	Wisconsin
52	Webster, Mike	C	6-1	260	13	Wisconsin
21	Williams, Eric	FS	6-1	190	4	N.C. State
93	Willis, Keith	DE	6-1	258	5	N'eastern
55	Winston, Dennis	LB	6-0	238	10	Arkansas
73	Wolfley, Craig	G	6-1	265	7	Syracuse
19	Woodley, David	QB	6-2	211	7	LSU
49	Woodruff, Dwayne	CB	6-0	198	8	Louisville
22	Woods, Rick	FS-CB	6-1	195	5	Boise St.

Head Coach: Chuck Noll (NFL Record: 164-104-1)

1985 Data

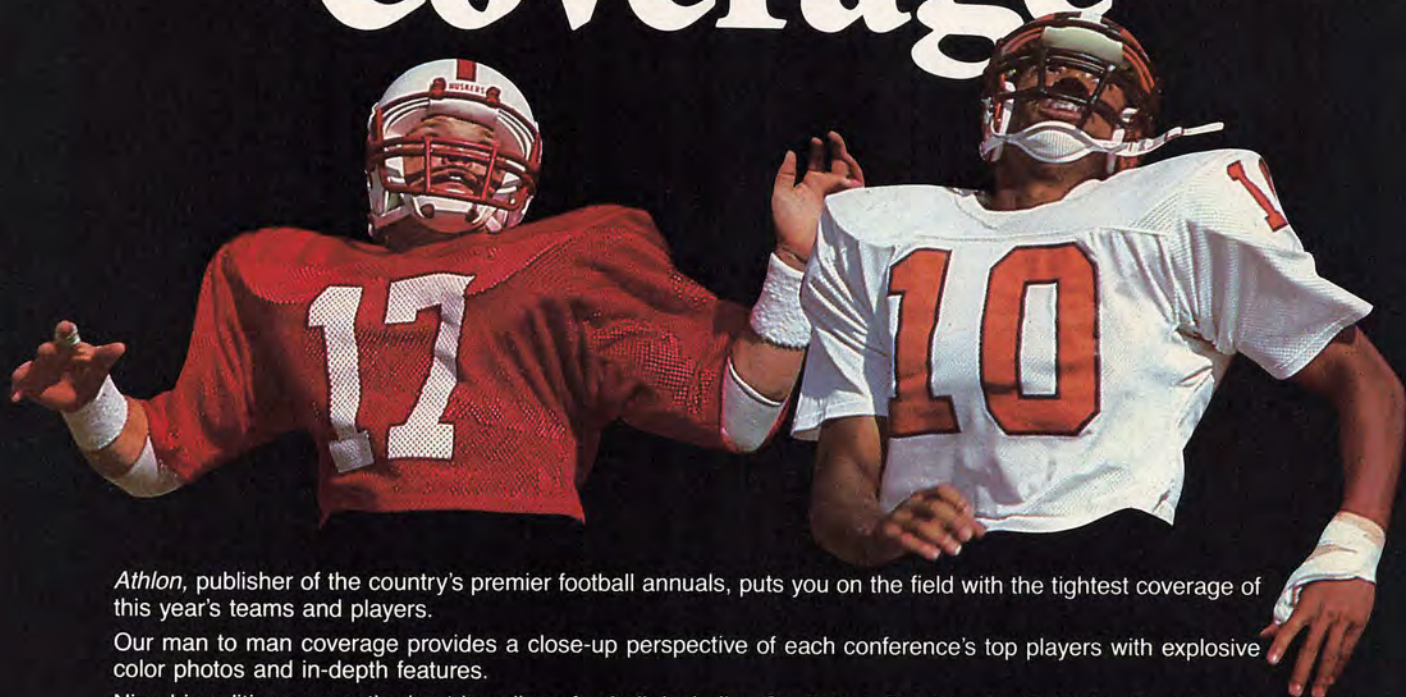
Record: 7-9-0, T2nd AFC Central
 Total Offense: 334.4 yds. per game
 Total Defense: 291.2 yds. per game
 Scoring Offense: 23.7 ptpg.
 Scoring Defense: 22.2 ptpg.
 Leading Rusher: Frank Pollard, 991 yds., 3 TDs.
 Leading Passer: Mark Malone, 117-233-7, 1428 yds., 13 TDs.
 Leading Receiver: John Stallworth, 75 ct., 937 yds., 5 TDs.

1985 RESULTS

45	Indianapolis	3
7	Cleveland	17
20	Houston	0
24	Cincinnati	37
20	Miami	24
13	Dallas	27
23	St. Louis	10
21	Cincinnati	26
10	Cleveland	9
36	Kansas City	28
30	Houston	7
23	Washington	30
23	Denver	31
44	San Diego	54
30	Buffalo	24
10	New York Giants	28

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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Exp.	Coll.
32	Anderson, Ottis	RB	6-2	225	8	Miami(Fl.)
60	Baker, Al	DE	6-6	270	9	Colo. St.
52	Baker, Charlie	LB	6-2	234	7	New Mex.
74	Bergold, Scott	T	6-7	263	2	Wisconsin
18	Birdsong, Carl	P	6-0	192	6	SW Okla. St.
71	Bostic, Joe	G	6-3	268	8	Clemson
12	Brunner, Scott	QB	6-5	215	5	Delaware
64	Clark, Randy	C	6-4	270	7	N. Ill.
66	Dawson, Doug	G	6-3	267	3	Texas
73	Duda, Mark	DT	6-3	279	4	Maryland
86	Duncan, Clyde	WR	6-2	211	3	Tennessee
31	Ferrell, Earl	RB	6-0	224	5	E. Tenn. St.
65	Galloway, David	DT	6-3	279	5	Florida
87	Gray, Earnest	WR	6-3	195	8	Mem. St.
81	Green, Roy	RB	6-0	195	8	H'nderson
75	Greer, Curtis	DE	6-4	258	7	Michigan
35	Griffin, Jeff	CB	6-0	185	6	Utah
50	Harris, Bob	LB	6-2	223	4	Auburn
59	Howard, Thomas	LB	6-2	220	10	Texas Tech
42	Johnson, Bobby	S	6-0	187	4	Texas
54	Junior, E.J.	LB	6-3	235	6	Alabama
89	LaFleur, Greg	TE	6-4	236	6	LSU
15	Lomax, Neil	QB	6-3	215	6	Portland
40	Love, Randy	RB	6-1	224	8	Houston
47	Mack, Cedric	CB	6-0	194	4	Baylor
80	Marsh, Doug	TE	6-3	238	7	Michigan
76	Mays, Stafford	DE	6-2	255	7	Wash.
14	McIvor, Rick	QB	6-4	210	3	Texas
30	Mitchell, Stump	RB	5-9	188	6	Citadel
51	Monaco, Rob	C	6-3	283	2	Vanderbilt

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Exp.	Coll.
34	Mumford, Tony	RB	6-0	215	2	Penn. St.
38	Nelson, Lee	S	5-10	185	11	Fla. St.
57	Noga, Niko	LB	6-1	235	3	Hawaii
85	Novacek, Jay	WR	6-4	217	2	Wyoming
53	Nunn, Freddie Joe	LB	6-4	228	2	Mississippi
23	Perrin, Benny	S	6-2	175	5	Alabama
72	Ralph, Dan	DT	6-4	260	2	Oregon
63	Robbins, Tootie	T	6-5	302	5	E. Car.
56	Scott, Carlos	T-C	6-4	285	4	Texas-E.P.
67	Sharpe, Luis	T	6-4	260	5	UCLA
84	Smith, J.T.	WR-KR	6-2	185	9	N. Tex. St.
61	Smith, Lance	G	6-2	262	2	LSU
45	Smith, Leonard	S	5-11	202	4	McN'se St.
44	Smith, Wayne	CB	6-0	170	7	Purdue
83	Tilley, Pat	WR	5-10	178	11	La. Tech
33	Walker, Quentin	RB	6-1	201	2	Virginia
48	Washington, Lionel	CB	6-0	188	4	Tulane
24	Wolfley, Ron	RB	6-0	222	2	W.Va.
43	Young, Lonnie	DB	6-1	182	2	Mich. St.

Head Coach: Gene Stallings (NFL Record: 0-0)

1985 Data

Record: 5-11-0, 5th NFC East
 Total Offense: 317.9 yds. per game
 Total Defense: 336.3 yds. per game
 Scoring Offense: 17.4 ptpg.
 Scoring Defense: 25.9 ptpg.
 Leading Rusher: Stump Mitchell, 1006 yds., 7 TDs.
 Leading Passer: Neil Lomax, 266-417-12, 3214 yds., 18 TDs.
 Leading Receiver: Roy Green, 50 ct., 693 yds., 5 TDs.

1985 RESULTS

27	Cleveland	24
41	Cincinnati	27
17	New York Giants	27
43	Green Bay	28
10	Washington	27
7	Philadelphia	30
10	Pittsburgh	23
10	Houston	20
21	Dallas	10
0	Tampa Bay	16
14	Philadelphia	24
3	New York Giants	34
17	Dallas	35
28	New Orleans	16
14	Los Angeles Rams	46
16	Washington	27

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SAN DIEGO CHARGERS

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Exp.	Coll.
42	Adams, Curtis	RB	5-11	198	2	C. Mich.
40	Anderson, Gary	RB	6-0	190	2	Arkansas
86	Bendross, Jesse	WR	6-0	200	3	Alabama
6	Benirschke, Rolf	K	6-1	183	9	Cal-Davis
59	Bingham, Craig	OLB	6-2	220	5	Syracuse
50	Bradley, Carlos	OLB	6-0	222	6	Wk. Forest
22	Byrd, Gill	SS	5-10	201	4	S. Jose St.
89	Chandler, Wes	WR	6-0	182	9	Florida
77	Claphan, Sam	T	6-6	282	6	Oklahoma
37	Dale, Jeffery	FS	6-3	214	2	LSU
61	Dallafor, Ken	G	6-4	269	2	Minnesota
20	Davis, Wayne	CB	5-11	175	2	Ind. St.
65	Doerger, Jerry	C-T	6-5	270	3	Wisconsin
12	Dufek, Joe	QB	6-4	215	4	Yale
78	Ehin, Chuck	NT	6-4	265	4	BYU
84	Faulkner, Chris	TE	6-4	250	3	Florida
52	Fellows, Mark	OLB	6-1	222	2	M'tana St.
14	Fouts, Dan	QB	6-3	205	14	Oregon
92	Garnett, Scott	NT	6-2	271	3	Wash.
58	Green, Mike	ILB	6-0	239	4	Okla. St.
53	Guendling, Mike	OLB	6-3	238	2	N'western
29	Hendy, John	CB	5-10	196	2	L. Bch. St.
9	Herrmann, Mark	QB	6-4	209	6	Purdue
88	Holohan, Pete	TE	6-4	244	6	Notre D.
26	James, Lionel	RB-KR	5-6	170	3	Auburn
83	Johnson, Trumaine	WR	6-1	196	2	Grambling
18	Joiner, Charlie	WR	5-11	177	18	Grambling
30	King, David	CB	5-8	176	2	Auburn
57	King, Linden	OLB	6-4	247	9	Colo. St.
68	Kowalski, Gary	T	6-5	290	3	Bost. Col.
74	Lachey, Jim	T	6-6	288	2	Ohio St.
63	Leonard, Jim	C	6-3	260	5	Santa Clara

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Exp.	Coll.
96	Lockette, James	DE	6-4	260	2	Missouri
51	Lowe, Woodrow	OLB	6-0	229	11	Alabama
62	Macek, Don	C	6-2	260	11	Bost. Coll.
21	McGee, Buford	RB	6-0	203	3	Mississippi
60	McKnight, Dennis	C-G	6-3	273	5	Drake (Ia.)
24	McPherson, Miles	FS	5-11	186	5	New Haven
47	Micho, Bob	TE	6-3	240	3	Texas
2	Mojsiejenko, Ralf	P-K	6-3	198	2	Mich. St.
55	Nelson, Derrie	ILB	6-2	234	4	Nebraska
27	O'Bard, Ronnie	CB	5-9	190	2	BYU
56	Osby, Vince	ILB	5-11	221	3	Illinois
90	Robinson, Fred	DE	6-5	242	3	Miami(Fl.)
39	Schellen, Mark	RB	5-9	233	2	Nebraska
64	Searcey, Bill	G	6-1	281	2	Alabama
85	Sievers, Eric	TE	6-3	236	6	Maryland
97	Simmons, Tony	DE	6-4	270	2	Tennessee
54	Smith, Billy Ray	ILB	6-3	231	4	Arkansas
43	Spencer, Tim	RB	6-1	220	2	Ohio St.
66	Umphrey, Rich	C-G	6-3	270	5	Colorado
23	Walters, Danny	CB	6-1	180	4	Arkansas
67	White, Ed	G	6-2	284	18	California
99	Williams, Lee	DE	6-6	273	3	Beth-Cook
93	Wilson, Earl	DE	6-4	267	2	Kentucky
80	Winslow, Kellen	TE	6-5	242	8	Missouri

Head Coach: Don Coryell (NFL Record: 112-82-1)

1985 Data

Record: 8-8-0, T3rd AFC West
 Total Offense: 408.4 yds. per game
 Total Defense: 391.6 yds. per game
 Scoring Offense: 29.2 ptpg.
 Scoring Defense: 27.2 ptpg.
 Leading Rusher: Lionel James, 516 yds., 2 TDs.
 Leading Passer: Dan Fouts, 254-430-20, 3638 yds., 27 TDs.
 Leading Receiver: Lionel James, 86 ct., 1027 yds., 6 TDs.

1985 RESULTS

14	Buffalo	9
35	Seattle	49
44	Cincinnati	41
7	Cleveland	21
21	Seattle	26
31	Kansas City	20
17	Minnesota	21
21	Los Angeles Raiders	34
30	Denver	10
40	Los Angeles Raiders	34
24	Denver	30
35	Houston	37
40	Buffalo	7
54	Pittsburgh	44
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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Exp.	Coll.
68	Ayers, John	G	6-5	265	10	W. Tex. St.
76	Board, Dwaine	DE	6-5	248	7	N.C. A&T
95	Carter, Michael	NT	6-2	285	3	SMU
87	Clark, Dwight	WR	6-4	215	8	Clemson
69	Collie, Bruce	T	6-6	275	2	Texas-Arl.
89	Cooper, Earl	TE	6-2	232	7	Rice
33	Craig, Roger	FB	6-0	224	4	Nebraska
51	Cross, Randy	G	6-3	265	11	UCLA
74	Dean, Fred	DE	6-2	232	12	La. Tech
50	Ellison, Riki	LB	6-2	225	4	USC
55	Fahnhorst, Jim	LB	6-4	230	3	Minnesota
71	Fahnhorst, Keith	T	6-6	273	13	Minnesota
54	Ferrari, Ron	LB	6-0	215	5	Illinois
81	Francis, Russ	TE	6-6	242	11	Oregon
86	Frank, John	TE	6-3	225	3	Ohio St.
49	Fuller, Jeff	S	6-2	216	3	Texas A&M
24	Harmon, Derrick	RB-KR	5-10	202	3	Cornell
75	Harty, John	DE	6-4	260	6	Iowa
22	Hicks, Dwight	CB-S	6-1	192	8	Michigan
28	Holmoe, Tom	S	6-2	195	4	BYU
24	Huff, Charles	DB	5-11	195	2	Pres.St.(S.C.)
97	Johnson, Gary	DT	6-2	261	12	Grambling
9	Kemp, Jeff	QB	6-1	201	6	Dartmouth
66	Kennedy, Allan	T	6-7	275	5	Wash. St.
57	Kovach, Jim	LB	6-2	239	8	Kentucky
42	Lott, Ronnie	S-CB	6-0	200	6	USC
53	McColl, Milt	LB	6-6	230	6	Stanford
62	McIntyre, Guy	G	6-3	264	3	Georgia
43	McLemore, Dana	CB-KR	5-10	183	5	Hawaii
32	Monroe, Carl	RB-KR	5-8	180	4	Utah
16	Montana, Joe	QB	6-2	195	8	Notre D.

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Exp.	Coll.
83	Nehemiah, Renaldo	WR	6-1	183	5	Maryland
20	Nixon, Tory	CB	5-11	186	2	S. Diego St.
77	Paris, William	T	6-6	299	4	Michigan
56	Quillan, Fred	C	6-5	266	9	Oregon
80	Rice, Jerry	WR	6-2	200	2	Miss. V. St.
30	Ring, Bill	FB	5-10	205	6	BYU
4	Runager, Max	P	6-1	189	8	S.C.
61	Sapolu, Jesse	G-C	6-4	260	3	Hawaii
90	Shell, Todd	LB	6-4	225	3	BYU
	Steevens, John	C-G	6-4	265	2	Fresno St.
72	Stover, Jeff	DE	6-5	275	5	Oregon
60	Stroth, Vince	T	6-3	256	2	BYU
79	Stuckey, Jim	DE	6-4	253	7	Clemson
78	Tuiasosopo, Manu	NT	6-3	262	8	UCLA
58	Turner, Keena	LB	6-2	222	7	Purdue
26	Tyler, Wendell	RB	5-10	207	9	UCLA
99	Walter, Michael	LB	6-3	238	4	Oregon
14	Wersching, Ray	PK	5-11	215	14	California
27	Williamson, Carlton	S	6-0	204	6	Pittsburgh
85	Wilson, Mike	WR	6-3	215	6	Wash. St.
21	Wright, Eric	CB	6-1	185	6	Missouri

Head Coach: Bill Walsh (NFL Record: 66-48)

1985 Data

Record: 10-7-0 (includes playoffs), 2nd NFC West
 Total Offense: 370.0 yds. per game
 Total Defense: 324.4 yds. per game
 Scoring Offense: 25.7 ptpg.
 Scoring Defense: 16.4 ptpg.
 Leading Rusher: Roger Craig, 1050 yds., 9 TDs.
 Leading Passer: Joe Montana, 303-494-13, 3653 yds., 27 TDs.
 Leading Receiver: Roger Craig, 92 ct., 1016 yds., 6 TDs.

1985 RESULTS

21	Minnesota	28
35	Atlanta	16
34	Los Angeles Raiders	10
17	New Orleans	20
38	Atlanta	17
10	Chicago	26
21	Detroit	23
28	Los Angeles Rams	14
24	Philadelphia	13
16	Denver	17
31	Kansas City	3
19	Seattle	6
35	Washington	8
20	Los Angeles Rams	27
31	New Orleans	19
31	Dallas	16
Playoffs:	3 New York Giants	17

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SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Exp.	Coll.
65	Bailey, Edwin	G	6-4	265	6	S.C. State
76	Borchardt, Jon	G	6-5	265	8	M'tana St.
22	Brown, Dave	CB	6-1	195	12	Michigan
77	Bryant, Jeff	DE	6-5	270	5	Clemson
59	Bush, Blair	C	6-3	252	9	Wash.
53	Butler, Keith	LB	6-4	238	9	Mem. St.
83	Butler, Ray	WR	6-3	197	7	USC
78	Cryder, Bob	T	6-4	282	9	Alabama
87	Davis, Tony	TE	6-5	248	2	Missouri
75	Dilulo, Angelo	NT	6-1	254	2	Oregon St.
33	Doornink, Dan	FB	6-3	210	9	Wash. St.
45	Easley, Kenny	S	6-3	206	6	UCLA
68	Edwards, Randy	DE	6-4	270	3	Alabama
64	Essink, Ron	T	6-6	285	7	Gr. Val. St.
15	Finzer, Dave	P	6-0	195	3	DePauw
88	Franklin, Byron	WR	6-1	185	5	Auburn
56	Gaines, Greg	LB	6-3	220	5	Tennessee
7	Gilbert, Gale	QB	6-3	215	2	California
79	Green, Jacob	DE	6-3	255	7	Texas A&M
84	Greene, Danny	WR	5-11	195	2	Wash.
44	Harris, John	S	6-2	200	9	Ariz. St.
46	Hughes, David	FB	6-0	220	6	Boise St.
55	Jackson, Michael	LB	6-1	220	8	Wash.
24	Jackson, Terry	CB	5-11	197	9	S. Diego St.
9	Johnson, Norm	K	6-2	193	5	UCLA
54	Kaiser, John	LB	6-3	221	3	Arizona
62	Kauahi, Kani	C	6-2	260	5	Hawaii
63	Kinlaw, Reggie	NT	6-2	245	7	Oklahoma

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Exp.	Coll.
17	Krieg, Dave	QB	6-1	185	7	Milton
37	Lane, Eric	RB	6-0	195	6	BYU
80	Largent, Steve	WR	5-11	184	11	Tulsa
70	Mattes, Ron	T	6-6	290	2	Virginia
51	Merriman, Sam	LB	6-3	225	4	Idaho
71	Millard, Bryan	G	6-5	282	3	Texas
43	Morris, Randall	RB	6-0	190	3	Tennessee
21	Moyer, Paul	S	6-1	201	4	Ariz. St.
72	Nash, Joe	NT	6-2	250	5	Bost. Coll.
29	Parros, Rick	FB	5-11	200	6	Utah St.
61	Pratt, Robert	G	6-4	250	13	N.C.
41	Robinson, Eugene	S	6-0	180	2	Colgate
57	Robinson, Shelton	LB	6-2	233	5	N.C.
85	Ross, Dan	TE	6-4	235	7	N'eastern
58	Scholtz, Bruce	LB	6-6	240	5	Texas
42	Simpson, Keith	CB	6-1	195	9	Mem. St.
82	Skansi, Paul	WR	5-11	190	4	Wash.
20	Taylor, Terry	CB	5-10	188	3	So. Ill.
86	Tice, Mike	TE	6-7	250	6	Maryland
81	Turner, Daryl	WR	6-3	198	3	Mich. St.
89	Walker, Byron	WR	6-4	190	5	Citadel
28	Warner, Curt	RB	5-11	205	3	Penn. St.
40	Williams, John	FB	5-11	213	2	Wisconsin
50	Young, Fredd	LB	6-1	230	3	N. Mex. St.

Head Coach: Chuck Knox (NFL Record: 127-79-1)

1985 Data

Record: 8-8-0, T3rd AFC West
 Total Offense: 312.9 yds. per game
 Total Defense: 322.5 yds. per game
 Scoring Offense: 21.8 ptpg.
 Scoring Defense: 18.9 ptpg.
 Leading Rusher: Curt Warner, 1094 yds., 8 TDs.
 Leading Passer: Dave Krieg, 285-532-20, 3602 yds., 27 TDs.
 Leading Receiver: Steve Largent, 79 ct., 1287 yds., 6 TDs.

1985 RESULTS

28	Cincinnati	24
49	San Diego	35
24	Los Angeles Rams	35
7	Kansas City	28
26	San Diego	21
30	Atlanta	26
10	Denver	13
14	New York Jets	17
33	Los Angeles Raiders	3
27	New Orleans	3
13	New England	20
6	San Francisco	19
24	Kansas City	6
31	Cleveland	13
3	Los Angeles Raiders	13
24	Denver	27

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TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Exp.	Coll.
45	Aldredge, Corwyn	TE	6-5	225	2	Miss. St.
40	Armstrong, Adger	RB	6-0	230	7	Texas A&M
82	Bell, Jerry	TE	6-5	230	5	Ariz. St.
52	Brantley, Scot	LB	6-1	230	7	Florida
57	Browner, Keith	LB	6-5	240	3	USC
78	Cannon, John	DE	6-5	265	5	Wil&Mary
87	Carter, Gerald	WR	6-1	190	7	Texas A&M
23	Castille, Jeremiah	DB	5-10	175	4	Alabama
	Colquitt, Jim	P	6-4	210	2	Tennessee
72	Courson, Steve	G	6-1	275	9	S.C.
31	Curry, Craig	DB	6-0	190	3	Texas
58	Davis, Jeff	LB	6-0	230	5	Clemson
17	DeBerg, Steve	QB	6-3	210	10	S. Jose St.
	DeGrate, Anthony	NT	6-3	290	2	Texas
80	Dunn, K.D.	TE	6-3	235	2	Clemson
26	Easmon, Ricky	DB	5-10	160	2	Florida
62	Farrell, Sean	G	6-3	260	5	Penn St.
65	Fielder, Don	DE	6-3	260	2	Kentucky
81	Freeman, Phil	WR	5-11	185	2	Arizona
	Futrell, Bobby	DB	5-11	190	2	Eliz. St.
5	Garcia, Frank	P	6-0	210	4	Arizona
88	Giles, Jimmie	TE	6-3	240	10	Alcorn St.
30	Greenwood, David	DB	6-3	210	2	Wisconsin
60	Grimes, Randy	C	6-4	270	4	Baylor
73	Heller, Ron	OT	6-6	280	3	Penn St.
90	Holmes, Ron	DE	6-4	255	2	Wash.
21	Holt, John	DB	5-11	180	6	W.Tex.St.
89	House, Kevin	WR	6-1	185	7	So. Ill.
1	Igwebuike, Donald	PK	5-9	185	2	Clemson
91	Janata, John	OT	6-7	275	2	Illinois

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Exp.	Coll.
55	Johnson, Dennis	LB	6-3	235	7	USC
79	Kaplan, Ken	OT	6-4	275	3	New Ham.
75	Lindstrom, Chris	DE	6-7	260	3	Boston
76	Logan, David	NT	6-2	250	8	Pittsburgh
86	Magee, Calvin	TE	6-3	240	2	Southern
68	Mallory, Rick	G	6-2	260	2	Wash.
	Middleton, Frank	RB	5-11	210	3	Fla. A&M
67	Morgan, Karl	NT	6-1	255	3	UCLA
	Pleasant, Reggie	DB	5-9	175	2	Clemson
24	Prior, Mike	DB	6-0	200	2	Ill. St.
54	Randle, Ervin	LB	6-1	250	2	Baylor
7	Risher, Alan	QB	6-2	190	2	LSU
74	Sanders, Gene	OT	6-3	285	8	Texas A&M
64	Shearin, Joe	G	6-4	250	4	Texas
20	Springs, Ron	RB	6-2	225	8	Ohio St.
71	Studaway, Mark	DE	6-4	275	3	Tennessee
44	Sully, Ivory	DB	6-0	200	8	Delaware
	Turner, Bill	P	6-2	210	2	Cal.Luth.
84	Verser, David	WR	6-1	200	5	Kansas
	Vogel, Paul	LB	6-1	220	2	S.C.
51	Washington, Chris	LB	6-4	230	3	Iowa St.
32	Wilder, James	RB	6-3	225	6	Missouri
	Williams, Carl	WR	6-2	175	2	Louisville
85	Witte, Mark	TE	6-3	240	4	N. Tex. St.
66	Yarno, George	OT	6-2	265	7	Wash. St.
8	Young, Steve	QB	6-2	200	2	BYU

Head Coach: Leeman Bennett (NFL Record: 49-58)

1985 Data

Record: 2-14-0, 5th NFC Central
 Total Offense: 297.9 yds. per game
 Total Defense: 381.8 yds. per game
 Scoring Offense: 18.4 ptpg.
 Scoring Defense: 28.0 ptpg.
 Leading Rusher: James Wilder, 1300 yds., 10 TDs.
 Leading Passer: Steve DeBerg, 197-370-18, 2488 yds., 19 TDs.
 Leading Receiver: Kevin House, 44 ct., 803 yds., 5 TDs.

1985 RESULTS

28	Chicago	38
16	Minnesota	31
13	New Orleans	20
9	Detroit	30
19	Chicago	27
27	Los Angeles Rams	31
38	Miami	41
14	New England	32
20	New York Giants	22
16	St. Louis	0
28	New York Jets	62
19	Detroit	16
0	Green Bay	21
7	Minnesota	26
23	Indianapolis	31
17	Green Bay	20

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WASHINGTON REDSKINS

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Exp.	Coll.
58	Anderson, Stuart	LB	6-1	225	5	Virginia
67	Beasley, Tom	DE	6-5	248	9	Va. Tech
53	Bostic, Jeff	C	6-2	260	7	Clemson
30	Branch, Reggie	RB	5-11	227	2	E. Car.
65	Butz, Dave	DT	6-7	295	14	Purdue
37	Cherry, Raphael	S	6-0	194	2	Hawaii
84	Clark, Gary	WR	5-9	173	2	J. Madison
48	Coffey, Ken	S	6-0	198	4	SW Tex. St.
51	Coleman, Monte	LB	6-2	230	8	C. Ark.
12	Cox, Steve	P	6-4	195	6	Arkansas
32	Dean, Vernon	CB	5-11	178	5	S. Diego St.
86	Didier, Clint	TE	6-5	240	5	Portland
28	Green, Darrell	CB	5-8	170	4	Texas A&I
35	Griffin, Keith	RB	5-8	185	3	Miami(Fl.)
68	Grimm, Russ	G	6-3	275	6	Pittsburgh
78	Hamel, Dean	DT	6-3	275	2	Tulsa
64	Hamilton, Steve	DE	6-4	255	2	E. Car.
5	Hayes, Jeff	P	5-11	175	6	N.C.
1	Huff, Ken	G	6-4	265	12	N.C.
66	Jacoby, Joe	T	6-7	305	6	Louisville
31	Jenkins, Ken	KR	5-8	185	5	Bucknell
82	Jones, Anthony	TE	6-3	248	3	Wichita St.
22	Jordan, Curtis	FS	6-2	205	10	Texas Tech
55	Kaufman, Mel	LB	6-2	218	6	Cal. Poly
16	Laufenberg, Babe	QB	6-2	195	3	Indiana
	Lee, Danzell	TE	6-2	232	1	Lamar
72	Manley, Dexter	DE	6-3	250	6	Okla. St.
71	Mann, Charles	DE	6-6	260	4	Nev.-Reno
73	May, Mark	T	6-6	295	6	Pittsburgh
83	McGrath, Mark	WR	5-11	175	5	M'tana St.

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Exp.	Coll.
63	McKenzie, Raleigh	G	6-2	262	2	Tennessee
60	McQuaid, Dan	T	6-7	278	2	Nev.-L.V.
57	Milot, Rich	LB	6-4	237	8	Penn St.
81	Monk, Art	WR	6-3	209	7	Syracuse
3	Moseley, Mark	K	6-0	204	15	S.F. Austin
89	Muhammad, Calvin	WR	6-0	190	6	Texas So.
52	Olkewicz, Neal	LB	6-0	233	8	Maryland
	Orr, Terry	RB	6-3	227	1	Texas
	Oswald, Chris	C-G	6-4	268	2	Wisconsin
80	Phillips, Joe	WR	5-9	188	2	Kentucky
38	Rogers, George	RB	6-2	229	6	S.C.
10	Schroeder, Jay	QB	6-4	215	3	UCLA
75	Slater, Bob	DT	6-4	272	3	Oklahoma
7	Theismann, Joe	QB	6-0	198	16	Notre D.
69	Thieleman, R.C.	G	6-4	262	9	Arkansas
	Vital, Lionel	RB	5-9	195	1	Nicholls
88	Walker, Rick	TE	6-4	235	10	UCLA
85	Warren, Don	TE	6-4	242	8	S. Diego St.
45	Wilburn, Barry	CB	6-3	186	2	Mississippi
47	Williams, Greg	FS	5-11	185	5	Miss. St.
34	Williams, Kevin	CB	5-9	169	2	Iowa State
39	Wonsley, Otis	RB	5-10	214	6	Alcorn St.

Head Coach: Joe Gibbs (NFL Record: 57-24)

1985 Data

Record: 10-6-0, 3rd NFC East
 Total Offense: 333.6 yds. per game
 Total Defense: 280.0 yds. per game
 Scoring Offense: 18.6 ptpg.
 Scoring Defense: 19.5 ptpg.
 Leading Rusher: George Rogers, 1093 yds., 7 TDs.
 Leading Passer: Joe Theismann, 167-301-16, 1774 yds., 8 TDs.
 Leading Receiver: Art Monk, 91 ct., 1226 yds., 2 TDs.

1985 RESULTS

14	Dallas	44
16	Houston	13
6	Philadelphia	19
10	Chicago	45
27	St. Louis	10
24	Detroit	3
3	New York Giants	17
14	Cleveland	7
44	Atlanta	10
7	Dallas	13
23	New York Giants	21
30	Pittsburgh	23
8	San Francisco	35
17	Philadelphia	12
27	Cincinnati	24
27	St. Louis	16

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Bo Played the Waiting Game

by John Owen

The major suspense of the NFL Draft in April wasn't who would be the first player selected in the draft, but what the first player would do.

The Tampa Bay Bucs made no secret about their desire to claim the rights to Heisman Trophy winner Bo Jackson of Auburn. The secret, however, was locked in Jackson's mind.

Not only was Jackson a highly coveted running back, he was also considered a prime baseball prospect. Although the Bucs offered to make him the highest-paid rookie in NFL history, Jackson made the Bucs wait until June (the baseball draft) before giving them an answer.

Meanwhile, the teams that finished at the opposite end of the standings from the Bucs were pulling off some interesting swaps—a record total of 18 took place on draft day.

The day before the draft, the Dallas Cowboys solved their lingering quarterback controversy by dealing off one of the leading characters, Gary Hogeboom. Then, they traded up the draft ladder to get a much needed receiver, Mike Sherrard of UCLA.

The New York Giants were so busy collecting draft choices, they had five picks in the first two rounds and used them all for defensive purposes.

San Francisco's Bill Walsh earned the Trader Vic Award, however. He engineered six swaps in the early rounds—twice dealing away first-round drafting position—and still had four picks in the first three rounds.

There were the usual number of selections that caused more head-scratching than back-patting. Among them: linebacker Anthony Bell as the No. 5 pick (St. Louis), offensive lineman Mike Schad of Queens (Ont., Canada) College (L.A. Rams) and defensive end Eric Dorsey (N.Y. Giants).

AFC EAST

Buffalo—The Bills' wish list focused on a bruising fullback and bulky offensive linemen.

They surprised the experts by selecting Iowa halfback Ronnie Harmon with their first pick. Buffalo already has former All-Pro halfback Joe Cribbs and Greg Bell, who led the team in rushing last season.

"I'm not a power runner, not by any stretch of the imagination," said Harmon, who rushed for 1,166 yards and caught passes for 699 yards.

There was no surprise in Buffalo's other choice in the first round. Will Wolford (6-5, 275) from Vanderbilt, could play guard or tackle as a replacement for any of the aging starters in Buffalo's offensive line.

NAME-POS-SCHOOL	RD	PICK	SEQ
Ronnie Harmon, rb, Iowa	1	16	16
Trade from Cleveland			
Will Wolford, og, Vanderbilt	1	20	20
Trade from Dallas thru San Francisco			
Leonard Burton, oc, South Carolina	3	22	77
Trade from L.A. Rams			
Carl Byrum, rb, Mississippi Valley St.	5	1	111
Bob Williams, te, Penn State	7	2	168
Trade from Tampa Bay			
Mark Pike, de, Georgia Tech	7	12	178
Trade from Detroit			
Donald "Butch" Rolle, te, Mich. St.	7	14	180
Trade from Seattle			
Tony Furrjanic, lb, Notre Dame	8	8	202
Trade from Kansas City			
Reggie Bynum, wr, Oregon State	9	1	222
Guy Teafatiller, nt, Illinois	10	2	251
Tony Garbarczyk, nt, Wake Forest	11	1	278

Billy Witt, de, North Alabama	11	5	282
Trade from Indianapolis			
Brian McClure, qb, Bowling Green	12	8	313
Trade from Kansas City			
Derek Christian, lb, West Virginia	12	16	331
Trade from Green Bay			

Indianapolis—The Colts obtained Gary Hogeboom from Dallas in a trade the day before the draft, then tabbed Jack Trudeau of Illinois in the second round.

The Colts' first-round pick, and the fourth player chosen in the draft, was Alabama defensive end Jon Hand, considered a can't-miss prospect in the pros. Hand (6-6, 283) was outstanding against the run in college and proved in the East-West Shrine game that his pass-rushing talents have improved tremendously. He also has displayed quickness that allows him to run down runners from behind.

NAME-POS-SCHOOL	RD	PICK	SEQ
Jon Hand, de, Alabama	1	4	4
Trade from New Orleans			
Jack Trudeau, qb, Illinois	2	20	47
Trade from Dallas			
William Brooks, wr, Boston Univ.	4	4	86
Scott Kellar, de, Northern Illinois	5	7	117
Gary Walker, oc, Boston Univ.	5	14	124
Trade from San Diego			
Steve O'Malley, nt, Northern Illinois	7	5	171
Chris White, K, Illinois	7	6	172
Trade from Houston thru Los Angeles Rams			
Tommy Sims, db, Tennessee	7	24	190
Trade from Los Angeles Rams			
Trell Hooper, db, Memphis State	8	4	198
Bob Brotzki, ot, Syracuse	9	7	228
Pete Anderson, og, Georgia	10	17	266
Trade from San Diego			
Steve Wade, dt, Vanderbilt	12	4	309
Isaac Williams, nt, Florida State	12	22	326
Trade from Los Angeles Rams			

Miami—Criticized for their defense against the run, the Dolphins obtained a partial solution in linebacker John Offerdahl of Western Michigan. The 232-pound, second-round choice was especially impressive in the East-West Shrine Game and in the Senior Bowl classic.

Coach Don Shula said he altered his plans to draft a defensive lineman when he realized Offerdahl was better than anybody left on the board. Shula was intent upon bolstering a defense which gave up over 500 yards rushing in two playoff games last year.

NAME-POS-SCHOOL	RD	PICK	SEQ
John Offerdahl, lb, Western Mich.	2	25	52
T. J. Turner, dt, Houston	3	26	81
James Pruitt, wr, Cal St.-Fullerton	4	25	107
Kevin Wyatt, db, Arkansas	5	26	136
Brent Sowell, de, Alabama	6	25	163
Larry Kolic, lb, Ohio State	7	26	193
John Stuart, ot, Texas	8	25	218
Reyna Thompson, db, Baylor	9	26	247
Jeff Wickersham, qb, LSU	10	25	274
Arnold Franklin, te, North Carolina	11	26	303
Rickey Isom, rb, North Carolina St.	12	25	329

New England—The Patriots reunited two former SMU teammates when they selected Reggie Dupard with the next-to-last pick in the first round. The 5-11, 200-pound Mustang will be playing behind former SMU star Craig James and Tony Collins.

"We only carried four running backs last year. A lot of people don't feel comfortable unless they have five," explained Patriot Coach Raymond Berry.

Dupard thought he might be tabbed by the Chicago Bears as an eventual replacement for Walter Payton. But if the Bears had that intention they just missed out. Chicago had the last pick in the first round.

NAME-POS-SCHOOL	RD	PICK	SEQ
Reggie Dupard, rb, SMU	1	27	27
Mike Ruth, nt, Boston College	2	15	42
Trade from Seattle			
Vencie Glenn, db, Indiana State	2	27	54
Scott Gieselmann, te, Boston College	4	27	109
Greg Robinson, og, Sacramento St.	5	27	137
Ray McDonald, wr, Florida	7	21	187
Trade from San Francisco			
Brent Williams, de, Toledo	7	27	192
Greg Baty, te, Stanford	8	27	220
George Colton, og, Maryland	9	27	248
Cletis Jones, rb, Florida State	10	27	276
Gene Thomas, wr, Pacific	11	27	304
Donald McAulay, k, Syracuse	12	27	332

N.Y. Jets—Seeking protection for quarterback Ken O'Brien, who was sacked a record 62 times, the Jets nabbed offensive linemen with their first two picks. Mike Haight (6-3, 275) of Iowa admitted he was surprised to hear his name called in the first round. However, the man obtained in the second round, Texas A&M's Doug Williams (6-5, 282) had been projected as a sure first-round choice.

Haight, a former tight end, wasn't a starter at Iowa until his junior year. Williams is rated as an outstanding pass protector, who must work on his consistency to make it in the NFL.

NAME-POS-SCHOOL	RD	PICK	SEQ
Mike Haight, ot, Iowa	1	22	22
Doug Williams, ot, Texas A&M	2	22	49
Tim Crawford, lb, Texas Tech	3	24	79
Rogers Alexander, lb, Penn State	4	23	105
Ron Hadley, lb, Washington	5	22	132
Robert White, ot, Rhode Island	7	23	189
Robert Duckworth, db, So. Miss	8	22	215
Nuu Faaola, rb, Hawaii	9	24	245
Carl Carr, lb, North Carolina	10	23	272
Vince Amola, rb, Arizona State	11	22	299
Sal Cesario, ot, Cal Poly (SLO)	12	24	328

AFC CENTRAL

Cincinnati—Describing University of Washington linebacker Joe Kelly as a quick pursuer and fearless tackler, the Bengals made him the 11th pick in the first round. "Kelly has speed and that's what we were looking for," General Manager Paul Brown said.

The Bengals got more speed in another first-round pick, Tim McGee of Tennessee. "We thought he'd be gone sooner," added Brown, who admitted the coaches considered a running back instead. "But we throw the ball a lot and we're not going to stop doing it," he explained.

The Bengals predict their second-round pick, North Alabama cornerback Lewis Billups, could be a Cincinnati starter within a year.

NAME-POS-SCHOOL	RD	PICK	SEQ
Joe Kelly, lb, Washington	1	11	11
Tim McGee, wr, Tennessee	1	21	21
Trade from Denver			
Lewis Billups, db, North Alabama	2	11	38
Jim Skow, de, Nebraska	3	3	58
Trade from Atlanta			
Mike Hammerstein, dt, Michigan	3	10	65
David Fulcher, db, Arizona State	3	23	78
Trade from Denver			
Eric Kattus, te, Michigan	4	9	91

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Doug Gaynor, qb, Long Beach State	4	17	99
Trade from Seattle			
Leon White, lb, BYU	5	13	123
Gary Hunt, db, Memphis State	6	12	152
Patrick Franklin, rb, SW Texas State	7	11	177
David Douglas, og, Tennessee	8	10	204
Cary Whittingham, lb, BYU	9	9	230
Jeff Shaw, nt, Salem	10	13	262
Tim Stone, ot, Kansas State	11	12	289
Tom Flaherty, lb, Northwestern	11	17	294
Trade from Green Bay			
Steve Bradley, qb, Indiana	12	11	316

Cleveland—The Browns said they were looking for a wide receiver with "speed, brains and soft hands." They filled their need in the second round with Webster Slaughter, who caught 82 passes last fall for San Diego State.

"He's a guy who can think on his feet," said Coach Marty Schottenheimer. "We'll see how he does at wide-out and at kick returner, where he'll provide some competition for Glen Young."

Cleveland gave up its '86 first-round pick last year when quarterback Bernie Kosar was selected in a special supplemental draft.

NAME-POS-SCHOOL	RD	PICK	SEQ
Webster Slaughter, wr, San Diego St.	2	16	43
Nick Miller, lb, Arkansas	5	17	127
Jim Meyer, ot, Illinois State	7	1	167
Trade from Buffalo			
Mike Norseth, qb, Kansas	7	8	174
Trade from Kansas City			
Danny Taylor, db, Texas-El Paso	9	17	238
Willie Smith, te, Miami (Fla.)	10	16	265
Randy Dausin, og, Texas A&M	11	15	292
King Simmons, db, Texas Tech	12	14	319

Houston—The Oilers, who signed a million-dollar quarterback named Warren Moon a couple of years ago, landed another by selecting Purdue's Jim Everett as the third player in the opening round. The Oilers hadn't selected a quarterback in the first round since 1971, when they tabbed Dan Pastorini. Everett passed for 3,651 yards and 23 touchdowns last year.

Coach Jerry Glanville (the team's defensive coordinator last year) sought help for the offense by selecting Everett, Louisville wide receiver Ernest Givins, termed by coaches "the second quickest guy in the draft behind Bo Jackson," and Notre Dame running back Allen Pinkett, the school's all-time leading rusher and scorer.

NAME-POS-SCHOOL	RD	PICK	SEQ
Jim Everett, qb, Purdue	1	3	3
Ernest Givins, wr, Louisville	2	7	34
Allen Pinkett, rb, Notre Dame	3	6	61
Jeff Parks, te, Auburn	5	4	114
Ray Wallace, rb, Purdue	6	7	145
Larry Griffin, db, North Carolina	8	5	199
Bob Sebring, lb, Illinois	9	4	225
Don Sommer, og, Texas-El Paso	10	7	256
Mark Cochran, ot, Baylor	11	6	283
Chuck Banks, rb, West Va. Tech	12	5	310

Pittsburgh—Temple University guard John Rienstra became the first offensive lineman picked in the opening round by the Steelers since Mike Taylor of USC in 1968. "If there is one team in the NFL that fits my style of play, it's the Steelers," said Rienstra. "He's as good a lineman as I've seen coming out of college since John Hannah," said offensive line coach Hal Hunter. Rienstra shares enthusiasm for football and powerlifting. He has bench-pressed 505 pounds.

The Steeler coaches said they selected defensive

lineman Gerald Williams (6-4, 265) of Auburn over Boston College's highly-rated Mike Ruth because of Williams' superior size.

NAME-POS-SCHOOL	RD	PICK	SEQ
John Rienstra, og, Temple	1	9	9
Gerald Williams, de, Auburn	2	9	36
Walter Brister, qb, NE Louisiana	3	13	67
Bill Callahan, db, Pittsburgh	4	12	94
Erroll Tucker, db, Utah	5	11	122
Brent Jones, te, Santa Clara	5	25	135
Trade from Los Angeles Raiders			
Domingo Bryant, db, Texas A&M	6	10	148
Rodney Carter, rb, Purdue	7	9	175
Casper Boso, te, Illinois	8	13	207
Anthony Henton, lb, Troy State	9	12	234
Warren Seitz, wr, Missouri	10	11	260
Larry Station, lb, Iowa	11	10	287
Mike Williams, lb, Tulsa	12	9	314

AFC WEST

Denver—The Broncos created excitement on draft day with the acquisition of a player they didn't draft. Instead, they got All-Pro cornerback Mark Haynes from the New York Giants in exchange for three draft picks. Haynes was a contract holdout last year in New York.

"He's an awfully good player, markedly better than what we could have gotten in the draft at that position," commented Denver secondary coach Charlie West. "To make a trade like this, you have to assume he's going to come in and play."

The trade left Denver with no picks in the first three rounds. They used their first draft pick to acquire Jim Juriga, a 6-6, 260-pound offensive guard from Illinois.

NAME-POS-SCHOOL	RD	PICK	SEQ
Jim Juriga, og, Illinois	4	22	104
Tony Colorito, nt, Southern Cal	5	24	134
Orson Mobley, te, Salem	6	14	151
Trade from Green Bay			
Mark Jackson, wr, Purdue	6	23	161
Raymond Phillips, lb, N.C. State	7	22	188
Bruce Klostermann, lb, S.D. State	8	24	217
Joe Thomas, wr, Miss. Valley St.	9	23	244
Victor Hall, te, Jackson State	10	22	271
Thomas Dendy, rb, South Carolina	11	24	301

Kansas City—The Chiefs went for bulk on the offensive line with Brian Jozwiak, a 6-5, 310-pound tackle from West Virginia. Jozwiak was a consensus All-American, who has excellent strength and above-average quickness to augment his size. "We think he will bring a toughness to our line and will challenge to play as a rookie," said Coach John Mackovic. The Chiefs needed help at linebacker and think they got it in second-round selection Dino Hackett of Appalachian State, advertised as an athlete whose intensity matches his talent.

NAME-POS-SCHOOL	RD	PICK	SEQ
Brian Jozwiak, ot, West Virginia	1	7	7
Dino Hackett, lb, Appalachian State	2	8	35
Leonard Griffin, de, Grambling	3	8	63
Tom Baugh, oc, Southern Illinois	4	5	87
Trade from Houston			
Chas Fox, wr, Furman	4	8	90
Kent Hagood, rb, South Carolina	6	3	141
Trade from Atlanta thru Washington			
Lewis Colbert, p, Auburn	8	2	196
Trade from Buffalo			
Gary Baldinger, de, Wake Forest	9	8	229
Ike Readon, nt, Hampton	10	8	257
Aaron Pearson, lb, Mississippi State	11	8	285

L.A. Raiders—The Raiders tried to outguess the scouting combines by selecting Pittsburgh de-

fensive tackle Bob Buczkowski (6-5, 265), who was either overlooked or underrated by the experts. "I knew I was good enough to be a first-rounder," Buczkowski said. "It was no surprise to me."

Although Buczkowski was not even rated as the Panthers' top lineman, his case was apparently argued by Raider defensive line coach Earl Leggett, who previously had tabbed Howie Long from Villanova and Bill Pickel of Rutgers.

NAME-POS-SCHOOL	RD	PICK	SEQ
Bob Buczkowski, de, Pittsburgh	1	24	24
Brad Cochran, db, Michigan	3	25	80
Mike Wise, dt, Cal-Davis	4	3	85
Trade from Atlanta			
Vance Mueller, rb, Occidental	4	21	103
Trade from New York Giants			
Napoleon McCallum, rb, Navy	4	26	108
Douglas Marrone, ot, Syracuse	6	26	164
Bill Lewis, oc, Nebraska	7	25	191
Joe Mauntel, lb, Eastern Kentucky	8	26	219
Zeph Lee, rb, Southern California	9	25	246
Jeff Reinke, de, Mankato State	10	26	275
Randy Webster, lb, SW Oklahoma	11	25	302
Larry Shepherd, wr, Houston	12	26	330

San Diego—With the clock running out in the first round, a swap was completed allowing San Diego to obtain 6-3, 245-pound Oklahoma State tackle Leslie O'Neal. Because of his quickness, O'Neal has been designated as the guy who may give San Diego the pass rush lacking in recent seasons.

The Chargers also helped themselves when they landed 6-8, 270-pound offensive lineman James FitzPatrick of Southern Cal. It's hoped he has the bulk and skills to help protect San Diego's aging but invaluable quarterback, Dan Fouts. "FitzPatrick is going to be a giant," predicts Coach Don Coryell. He may eventually replace long-time standout Ed White in San Diego's front wall.

NAME-POS-SCHOOL	RD	PICK	SEQ
Leslie O'Neal, de, Oklahoma State	1	8	8
Trade from Minnesota			
James FitzPatrick, ot, Southern Cal	1	13	13
Terry Unrein, dt, Colorado State	3	12	66
Trade from Minnesota			
Jeff Walker, ot, Memphis State	3	16	70
Ty Allert, lb, Texas	4	13	95
Trade from Philadelphia			
Tommy Taylor, lb, UCLA	4	15	97
Douglas Landry, lb, Louisiana Tech	5	8	118
Trade from Kansas City			
Donald Brown, db, Maryland	5	19	129
Trade from San Francisco			
Matt Johnson, db, Southern Cal	5	23	133
Trade from Los Angeles Rams			
Curtis Pradridge, wr, No. Illinois	6	17	155
Fred Smalls, lb, West Virginia	7	16	182
Mike Perrino, ot, Notre Dame	8	15	209
Michael Zordich, db, Penn State	9	14	235
Charles Sanders, rb, Slippery Rock	11	16	293
Drew Smetana, ot, Oregon	11	21	298
Trade from San Francisco			
Jeff Sprowls, db, BYU	12	15	320
Mike Travis, db, Georgia Tech	12	28	333
Trade from Chicago			

Seattle—There are three ways the Seahawks hope to take some of the burden off Curt Warner this year. And first-round pick John L. Williams of Florida can do them all. Williams is advertised as a rugged inside runner, an excellent receiver coming out of the backfield and a dogged blocker. He may see considerable action at fullback during his rookie season. Williams is the first player in Florida history to total over 2,000 yards rushing and 800 yards

receiving. His career average was 5.4-yards per rush.

With only one pick in the next three rounds, Seattle opted for defensive back Patrick Hunter of Nevada-Reno who can play cornerback and safety and run back kickoffs.

NAME-POS-SCHOOL	RD	PICK	SEQ
John L. Williams, fb, Florida	1	15	15
Patrick Hunter, db, Nevada-Reno	3	14	68
Bobby Joe Edmonds, wr, Arkansas	5	16	126
Eddie Anderson, db, Fort Valley St.	6	15	153
Paul Miles, rb, Nebraska	7	15	181
Trade from Cleveland			
Alonzo Miltz, de, Florida	8	17	211
Michael Black, ot, Sacramento State	9	16	237
Don Fairbanks, de, Colorado	10	15	264
David Norrie, qb, UCLA	11	14	291
John McVeigh, lb, Miami (Fla.)	12	17	321

NFC EAST

Dallas—The Cowboys, somewhat unpredictable in recent drafts, fooled nobody this time. They said they needed a couple of pass catchers to put some punch into their offense. Their first two picks, obtained after a position swap with San Francisco, were flanker Mike Sherrard of UCLA and running back Darryl Clack of Arizona State, who is also touted as a superb pass receiver.

"Sherrard has a chance to step in and deliver during his rookie year," says Tom Landry. If he does, he will be the first rookie at a skill position to accomplish that with Dallas since Tony Dorsett in 1977.

NAME-POS-SCHOOL	RD	PICK	SEQ
Mike Sherrard, wr, UCLA	1	18	18
Trade from San Francisco			
Darryl Clack, rb, Arizona St.	2	6	33
Trade from Indianapolis			
Mark Walen, dt, UCLA	3	19	74
Max Zendejas, k, Arizona	4	18	100
Thornton Chandler, te, Alabama	6	2	140
Trade from Buffalo			
Stan Gelbaugh, qb, Maryland	6	13	150
Trade from Detroit			
Lloyd Yancey, og, Temple	6	20	158
Johnny Holloway, wr, Kansas	7	19	185
Topper Clemons, rb, Wake Forest	8	18	212
John Ionata, og, Florida State	9	21	242
Bryan Chester, og, Texas	10	20	269
Garth Jax, lb, Florida State	11	19	296
Chris Duliban, lb, Texas	12	2	307
Trade from Buffalo			
Tony Flack, db, Georgia	12	18	322

New York Giants—When Dallas drafted wide receiver Mike Sherrard just ahead of them, the Giants reversed direction and selected defensive players with their first six picks.

New York traded away defensive back Mark Haynes and rights to a USFL player to bolster their drafting position. Their first selection was 6-5, 280-pound lineman Eric Dorsey of Notre Dame. They then picked two defensive backs, a linebacker and another defensive down lineman, all in the second round.

"To tell the truth I thought I'd be drafted anywhere from the third to fifth round after the season ended," Dorsey said. But his stock rose when he gained 20 pounds and impressed observers with his speed and quickness at scouting clinics.

NAME-POS-SCHOOL	RD	PICK	SEQ
Eric Dorsey, de, Notre Dame	1	19	19
Mark Collins, db, Cal St.-Fullerton	2	17	44
Trade from San Diego thru Minnesota			
Erik Howard, nt, Washington State	2	19	46

Thomas Johnson, lb, Ohio State	2	24	51
Trade from Denver			
Greg Lasker, db, Arkansas	2	26	53
Trade from L.A. Raiders thru Minnesota			
John Washington, de, Oklahoma St.	3	18	73
Vince Warren, wr, San Diego State	5	20	130
Ron Brown, wr, Colorado	6	1	139
Trade from Tampa Bay thru Denver			
Solomon Miller, wr, Utah State	6	19	157
Jon Francis, rb, Boise State	7	18	184
Steve Cisowski, ot, Santa Clara	8	21	214
James Luebbes, de, Iowa State	9	20	241
Jerry Kimmel, lb, Syracuse	10	19	268
Len Lynch, og, Maryland	11	18	295

Philadelphia—The Eagles' first-round pick should have been marked "Future Delivery." It may be October at the earliest before Ohio State fullback Keith Byars is sufficiently recovered from surgery on his right foot to join his new NFL team.

"You don't get anywhere in this world unless you roll the dice," said Coach Buddy Ryan. "It's like blitzing on third and 30." Ryan said the team's medical staff had some reservations about Byars.

Draft-day observers also thought the Eagles were gambling on second-round picks Alonzo Johnson, the Florida linebacker, and Anthony Toney, a running back from Texas A&M.

NAME-POS-SCHOOL	RD	PICK	SEQ
Keith Byars, rb, Ohio State	1	10	10
Anthony Toney, rb, Texas A&M	2	10	37
Alonzo Johnson, lb, Florida	2	21	48
Trade from Washington thru L.A. Raiders			
Matt Darwin, oc, Texas A&M	4	24	106
Trade from Los Angeles Rams			
Ray Criswell, P, Florida	5	12	121
Dan McMillen, de, Colorado	5	18	128
Trade from Washington thru Atlanta			
Bob Landsee, oc, Wisconsin	6	11	149
Cornelius Redick, wr, Cal St.-Fullerton	7	3	169
Trade from Atlanta			
Byron Lee, lb, Ohio State	7	10	176
Seth Joyner, lb, Texas-El Paso	8	14	208
Trade from Cleveland			
Clyde Simmons, de, Western Caro.	9	13	233
Junior Tautalatasi, rb, Wash. State	10	12	261
Steve Bogdalek, og, Michigan State	11	11	288
Reggie Singletary, de, N.C. State	12	10	315
Bobby Howard, rb, Indiana	12	21	325
Trade from New York Giants			

St. Louis—New Coach Gene Stallings said the Cardinals needed help in a lot of spots. They filled a few of them on draft day.

Michigan State defensive captain Anthony Bell will be a contender at linebacker. Gene Chilton, a 276-pound center from Texas, will be a candidate at guard. The Cards also landed UCLA placekicker John Lee, who set 11 NCAA records during his career with the Bruins.

The Cardinals were interested in defensive end John Hand, but the Alabama standout was selected by Indianapolis just ahead of St. Louis.

NAME-POS-SCHOOL	RD	PICK	SEQ
Anthony Bell, lb, Michigan State	1	5	5
John Lee, k, UCLA	2	5	32
Gene Chilton, oc, Texas	3	4	59
Carl Carter, db, Texas Tech	4	7	89
Jeff Tupper, de, Oklahoma	5	6	116
Eric Swanson, wr, Tennessee	7	4	170
Ray Brown, og, Arkansas State	8	7	201
Kent Kafentzis, db, Hawaii	9	6	227
Val Sihakema, rb, BYU	10	5	254
Wes Smith, wr, East Texas State	10	6	255
Trade from Indianapolis			
Wayne Dillard, lb, Alcorn State	11	4	281

Kent Austin, qb, Mississippi	12	7	312
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Washington—The Redskins exhibited a long reach by selecting a defensive end from Boise State and a wide receiver from Hawaii. "Markus Koch is a player we couldn't pass up, even though we're strong at that position," General Manager Bobby Beathard said of the 6-5, 275-pound Idaho lineman. When Beathard traded two draft picks to land Walter Murray, the receiver from Honolulu, it marked the seventh straight year he has made at least one draft-day transaction.

"We were surprised Murray lasted so long," Beathard said. "He's got blazing speed, makes very good cuts and is an aggressive runner. You can't play him too closely or he'll run right by you."

NAME-POS-SCHOOL	RD	PICK	SEQ
Bob Buczkowski, de, Pittsburgh	1	24	24
Brad Cochran, db, Michigan	3	25	80
Mike Wise, dt, Cal-Davis	4	3	85
Trade from Atlanta			
Alvin Walton, db, Kansas	3	20	75
Ravin Caldwell, lb, Arkansas	5	3	113
Trade from Atlanta			
Mark Ryplen, qb, Washington State	6	8	146
Trade from Kansas City			
James Huddleston, og, Virginia	6	18	156
Trade from San Francisco			
Rick Badanjek, rb, Maryland	7	20	186
Kurt Gouvela, lb, BYU	8	19	213
Wayne Asberry, db, Texas A&M	9	18	239
Ken Fells, rb, Henderson State	11	20	297
Eric Yarber, wr, Idaho	12	19	323

NFC CENTRAL

Chicago—Knee injuries suffered by veterans Dennis McKinnon, a wide receiver, and cornerback Leslie Frazier dictated the draft-day philosophy of the Super Bowl champions.

The Bears grabbed Florida running back Neal Anderson and followed with University of Washington defensive back Vestee Jackson.

Anderson, who displayed both power and break-away speed, thus looms as the understudy for Walter Payton, the NFL's all-time career rushing leader. Anderson is the all-time career rushing leader at Florida. Jackson was credited with 13 pass interceptions at Washington. The Bears' third pick was Illinois wide receiver David Williams.

NAME-POS-SCHOOL	RD	PICK	SEQ
Neal Anderson, rb, Florida	1	27	27
Vestee Jackson, db, Washington	2	28	55
David Williams, wr, Illinois	3	28	82
Paul Blair, ot, Oklahoma State	4	28	110
Lew Barnes, wr, Oregon	5	28	138
Jeff Powell, rb, Tennessee	6	28	166
Bruce Jones, db, North Alabama	7	28	194
Maurice Douglass, db, Kentucky	8	28	221
John Teltschik, p, Texas	9	28	249
Barton Hurdley, db, Kansas State	10	28	277
Glen Kozlowski, wr, BYU	11	28	305

Detroit—Attempting to bolster the lowest-rated offense in the NFL, the Lions drafted Heisman Trophy runner-up Chuck Long of Iowa and running back Gary James of LSU.

Long completed 65 percent of his passes for 2,978 yards in his senior season at Iowa. He'll likely play behind Eric Hipple and Joe Ferguson at the outset of his rookie season, but Coach Darryl Rogers likes Long's prospects for success in the NFL.

Rogers also likes James' sprinter speed and traded up to obtain him.

The offensive line also got help in 6-5, 300-pound

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tackle Joe Milinichik of North Carolina State.

NAME-POS-SCHOOL	RD	PICK	SEQ
Chuck Long, qb, Iowa	1	12	12
Garry James, rb, LSU	2	2	29
Trade from Buffalo thru San Francisco			
Joe Milinichik, ot, N.C. State	3	15	69
Trade from Cleveland			
Devon Mitchell, db, Iowa	4	10	92
Oscar Smith, rb, Nicholls State	5	9	119
Allyn Griffin, wr, Wyoming	8	11	205
Lyle Pickens, db, Colorado	9	10	231
Tracy Johnson, lb, Morningside	10	9	258
Leland Melvin, wr, Richmond	11	13	290
Allan Durden, db, Arizona	12	12	317

Green Bay—The Packers had their choice of three running backs when they made their first pick midway in the second round. They passed up Rueben Mayes of Washington State and Allen Pinkett of Notre Dame to select Kenneth Davis of Texas Christian, "a strong kid with breakaway speed," in the estimation of Coach Forrest Gregg.

The Packers grabbed a "name" player in the third round in Brigham Young quarterback Robbie Bosco, who was hampered by an injury to his right shoulder during his senior season. Gregg acknowledged that Bosco does not have a strong arm but said the BYU standout impressed him with his leadership and toughness.

NAME-POS-SCHOOL	RD	PICK	SEQ
Kenneth Davis, rb, TCU	2	14	41
Robbie Bosco, qb, BYU	3	17	72
Tim Harris, lb, Memphis State	4	2	84
Trade from Buffalo			
Dan Knight, ot, San Diego State	4	16	98
Matt Koart, dt, Southern Cal	5	15	125
Burnell Dent, lb, Tulane	6	5	143
Trade from St. Louis			
Ed Berry, db, Utah State	7	17	183
Michael Cline, nt, Arkansas State	8	16	210
Brent Moore, dt, Southern Cal	9	15	236
Gary Spann, lb, TCU	10	14	263

Minnesota—The Vikings wanted a running back named Bo Jackson. When they couldn't land him, they opted for Jackson's Auburn teammate, defensive end Gerald Robinson. "I'm aggressive," Robinson says. "Every time they snap the ball I try to make things happen." The 6-4, 250-pounder was credited with 60 tackles last year at Auburn. Minnesota juggled draft picks to obtain rights to former USFL tackle Gary Zimmerman, who had balked at playing for the New York Giants. Zimmerman (6-6, 280) was a standout the past two seasons in the USFL.

NAME-POS-SCHOOL	RD	PICK	SEQ
Gerald Robinson, lb, Auburn	1	14	14
Trade from Green Bay thru San Diego			
Joe Phillips, dt, SMU	4	11	93
Hassan Jones, wr, Florida State	5	10	120
Thomas Rooks, rb, Illinois	6	9	147
Carl Hilton, te, Houston	7	13	179
Gary Schippang, ot, West Chester	8	12	206
Mike Slaton, db, South Dakota	9	11	232
Joe Cormier, te, Southern Cal	10	10	259
John Armstrong, db, Richmond	11	9	286
Jesse Solomon, lb, Florida State	12	13	318

Tampa Bay—After the Bucs took Jackson, they set about rebuilding a defensive unit that ranked 26th in the NFL last season.

Holding four of the first 40 picks in the draft, Tampa Bay grabbed SMU defensive back Roderick Jones, linebacker Jackie Walker of Jackson State and Kevin Murphy, a talented linebacker from Oklahoma.

Jones has sprinter speed but is marginal as a tackler according to scouting reports. Walker (6-4, 230) was agile enough to play college basketball.

NAME-POS-SCHOOL	RD	PICK	SEQ
Bo Jackson, rb, Auburn	1	1	1
Roderick Jones, db, SMU	1	26	25
Trade from Miami			
Jackie Walker, lb, Jackson State	2	1	28
Kevin Murphy, lb, Oklahoma	2	13	40
Trade from Minnesota thru Miami			
Craig Swoope, db, Illinois	4	1	83
J. D. Maarleveld, ot, Maryland	5	2	112
Kevin Walker, db, East Carolina	6	27	165
Trade from New England			
Tommy Barnhardt, p, North Carolina	9	2	223
Benton Reed, de, Mississippi	10	1	250
Mark Drenth, ot, Purdue	11	2	279
Clay Miller, og, Michigan	12	1	306
Mike Crawford, rb, Arizona State	12	20	324
Trade from San Francisco			

NFC WEST

Atlanta—The Falcons, who yielded 452 points in 1985, hope to gain defensive respectability by drafting Oklahoma nose tackle Tony Casillas and defensive lineman Tim Green of Syracuse.

Casillas, picked just after Bo Jackson of Auburn, was the 1985 Lombardi Trophy winner and a two-time All-American. Atlanta Coach Dan Henning pointed out that the Falcons' new defensive alignment calls for a dominant nose tackle, "and Casillas is the most dominant defensive lineman to come out of the draft in recent years."

Green, a Rhodes Scholar candidate, was a college tackle but is projected as an end with the Falcons.

NAME-POS-SCHOOL	RD	PICK	SEQ
Tony Casillas, nt, Oklahoma	1	2	2
Tim Green, lb, Syracuse	1	18	17
Trade from Washington			
Floyd Dixon, wr, Stephen F. Austin	6	16	154
Trade from Cleveland thru Buffalo			
Keith Williams, rb, S.W. Missouri	6	21	159
Trade from Washington			
Kevin Huggens, dt, Idaho State	8	3	197
Kevin Starks, te, Minnesota	9	3	224
Tony Baker, rb, East Carolina	10	3	252
Chris Hegg, ob, Northeast Missouri	11	3	280
Steve Griffin, wr, Purdue	12	3	308

L.A. Rams—Michael Schad, a 6-5, 290-pound offensive tackle, became the first Canadian collegian ever selected in the first round of the NFL draft when he was tabbed by the Rams.

"I believe if he had played four years in the United States, he would have been one of the top three players picked in the draft," Coach John Robinson said of the Queens College grad.

The Rams pulled off a small-college double by next claiming Tom Newberry (6-1, 285), an offensive lineman for Wisconsin-La Crosse. They then traded away backup quarterback Jeff Kemp and two fourth-round picks to San Francisco to obtain University of Washington quarterback Hugh Millen.

NAME-POS-SCHOOL	RD	PICK	SEQ
Mike Schad, ot, Queens	1	23	23
Tom Newberry, og, Wisc.-La Crosse	2	23	50
Hugh Millen, qb, Washington	3	11	71
Trade from Detroit thru San Francisco			
Robert Cox, ot, UCLA	6	6	144
Trade from Indianapolis			
Lynn Williams, rb, Kansas	6	22	160
Steve Jarecki, lb, UCLA	8	1	195
Trade from Tampa Bay			
Hank Goebel, ot, Cal St.-Fullerton	8	23	216

Elbert Watts, db, Southern Cal	9	22	243
Garrett Brelend, lb, Southern Cal	10	24	273
Chul Swanke, rb, South Dakota	11	23	300
Marcus Dupree, rb, Oklahoma	12	23	327
Trade from Denver			

New Orleans—New Coach Jim Mora gambled that he could grab mammoth offensive tackle Jim Dombrowski (6-5, 289) in the first round and still find a runningback in the later rounds.

He found Dalton Hilliard, the all-time career rushing leader at LSU and the third most productive runner in Southeastern Conference history, and Rueben Mayes, who set an NCAA rushing record during his junior year with Washington State.

Mora's priorities were established because of the problems which beset running backs Hokie Gajan, Tyrone Anthony and Earl Campbell last year.

NAME-POS-SCHOOL	RD	PICK	SEQ
Jim Dombrowski, ot, Virginia	1	6	6
Trade from Indianapolis			
Dalton Hilliard, rb, Louisiana State	2	4	31
Rueben Mayes, rb, Wash. State	3	2	57
Trade from Tampa Bay			
Pat Swilling, lb, Georgia Tech	3	5	60
Trade from Indianapolis			
Barry Word, rb, Virginia	3	7	62
Kelvin Edwards, wr, Liberty	4	6	88
Reggie Sutton, db, Miami (Fla.)	5	5	115
Robert Thompson, wr, Youngstown St.	6	4	142
Gill Fenerly, rb, Holy Cross	7	7	173
Filipo Mokofisi, lb, Utah	8	6	200
Merlon Jones, lb, Florida A&M	9	5	226
Jon Dumbauld, de, Kentucky	10	4	253
Patrick Swoopes, dt, Mississippi St.	11	7	284
Sebastian Brown, wr, Beth.-Cook	12	6	311

San Francisco—The 49ers twice traded away first-round draft choices before selecting Alabama defensive end Larry Roberts, rated one of the nation's top collegiate pass rushers despite his relatively small 6-3, 235-pound stature.

The 49ers were the busiest team on the trade mart, and the swaps enabled them to pick up Nebraska fullback Tom Rathman, Texas-Arlington defensive back Tim McKyer and Delaware State receiver John Taylor in the third round. Rathman, rated an outstanding blocker, was tabbed for the No. 3 running back position behind Roger Craig and Wendell Tyler.

Coach Bill Walsh indicated his faith in backup quarterback Mike Moroski by trading away Matt Cavanaugh to Philadelphia.

NAME-POS-SCHOOL	RD	PICK	SEQ
Larry Roberts, de, Alabama	2	12	39
Trade from Detroit			
Tom Rathman, rb, Nebraska	3	1	56
Trade from Buffalo			
Tim McKyer, db, Texas-Arlington	3	9	64
Trade from Philadelphia			
John Taylor, wr, Delaware State	3	21	76
Charles Haley, lb, James Madison	4	14	96
Trade from Cleveland thru L.A. Rams			
Steve Wallace, ot, Auburn	4	19	101
Trade from Washington thru L.A. Rams			
Kevin Fagan, de, Miami (Fla.)	4	20	102
Pat Miller, lb, Florida	5	21	131
Trade from Dallas			
Don Griffin, db, Middle Tenn. State	6	24	162
Trade from New York Jets			
Jim Popp, te, Vanderbilt	8	9	203
Trade from Philadelphia			
Tony Cherry, rb, Oregon	9	19	240
Elliston Stinson, wr, Rice	10	18	267
Harold Hallman, lb, Auburn	10	21	270
Trade from Washington			

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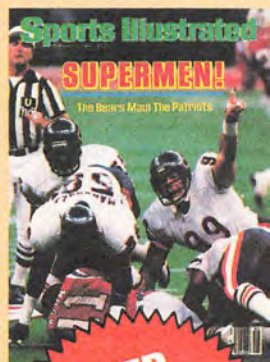
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